

▶▶▶ かつ
▶▶▶ Ⅲ DSマイル

時空魔法で

1
異世界と地球を行ったり来たり

Jikuu Mahou de Isekai to Chikyuu wo Ittarikitari

Arc 15-16

by Katsu

[Novel Updates](#)

Translator: [Rebirth Online World](#)

Epub : [TrolloWN/LN EPUB](#)

Arc 15: Devil-kin ②

Chapter 216: I have come

「Morning.」

「Welcome, Mai-san.」

Saturday morning, it's the usual time to go to the other world.

Mai-san is also going to come with us this week.

It's for Mai-san's grandfather, that is to say, to get the previous Demon Lord recognize her and also in order to train herself.

However.....

when I was going to show Mai-san inside, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed something like a faint shadow moved.

「Hmm?」

「Is something wrong, Onii-san?」

「No, I felt like something moved.....

it seemed to be my imagination.」

As soon as I said so!

Mai-san kicked the floor and jumped out.

「Mai-san!?!」

Mai-san jumps toward the emergency staircase with terrible momentum.

I who didn't know what happened for a moment chased after Mai-san in a hurry.

「What the heck, Mai-san?」

When I chased after Mai-san and came out of the emergency staircase.....

Mai-san was holding down a black shadow.

「It hurts, it hurts. It's painful, Captain~.」

The identity of the black shadow.....

was Yurie-san.....

「I've come♥.」

「You've come.....

why are you here, Yurie-san!?!」

「Did you intend to go out with Captain behind my back?

With my Captain.....」

Somehow, Yurie-san's eyes are scary.....

「Did you talk to Yurie-san, Mai-san?」

「No, I didn't.」

「Ehe, I've been tailing (stalking) Captain♥.」

Uwa, donbiki^[1].

「Tailing me without being noticed by me, you have improved your skill too, Yurie-kun.」

「I've been praised by Captain.」

By any chance, has she been tailing until now?

「Captain, although you have me,

you were coming to meet, onii-san, huh!」

「What are you talking about!?

I've said that I'm asking Aya-san and onii-san's help about my ojii-san.」

「No! When Captain met onii-san awhile ago, you had a feminine expression!

I know it!」

「What!? What feminine expression!!?」

Umu, what to do.....

it has become an intense troublesome situation.

「Yurie-san.」

「What is it!?」

「Since I will give you this, please let today's matter go.」

Sink or swim, I'll try to temp her with something.

「What is this!?

Tempting me with such a thing.....

Captain is wearing the same too!!?

Matched? They are the matched!!?」

What I gave to Yurie-san is the【Sacrificial necklace】.

It's something I bought originally for Yurie-san.

It's a matter for great congratulation if I can temp her with this.....

「T-, This is, t-, tempting me with things like a matching necklace, I-, I-, I-, I'm not going to do it!」

Umu, she's not tempted, huh.....

「It can't be helped, since I'm going to stay overnight at your house tomorrow, let today's matter go.」

「C-, C-, C-, C-, Captain!!!???

G-, G-, G-, Going to stay at m-, m-, m-, my house!!!??」

The situation had been resolved due to the holy sacrifice of Mai-san, Yurie-san waved her hand like a puppy's tail whilst having a nosebleed and left.

She said that she's going to prepare for her meeting with Mai-san in two days.

At long last, we have been released from Yurie-san.

I showed Mai-san inside the house.

「Onii-san, Yurie-san caused you trouble, didn't she?」

「No, but you going to stay at her place, is it really fine?」

「What's the problem?

Well, it's because Yurie-san feels lonely too~.」

Well, let's leave Yurie-san to Mai-san.

There's also the matter about Yurie-san, this may be the only time that Mai-san can go to the other world this time.

Let's visit all the mana crystals within this week.

While thinking such thing, we transferred to the other world.

「We've come, Lela.」

「Welcome back, Seiji!!」

When Lela took my hand, she blushed and bloomed with a smile.

N? There's something strange with her attitude?

「Come to think of it Lela, like every night at night.....」

「Idiot, don't talk about that in front of everybody!」

「N?

Was the thing you were doing a secret physical training?」

「P-, Physical...training?」

「But Lela, too much intense training isn't good!

Since you're doing it before going to bed, do it rather a little lighter.」

「T-, T-, Tra-, training!!?

Then, that throbbing of Seiji...

oh.....it's not.....」

Lela's face suddenly became bright red, and she took refuge in the next room.

The heck has happened to that Lela fellow?

Is she not feeling well?

After a while, Lela whose face still bright red timidly came out whilst looking down.

「Lela, are you okay?

Are you not feeling well because of you constantly training at night?」

「T-, That's no-.....

Please, forget about that already.....

please.....」

Oops, was it a secret that she was training?

I've done something bad.

「Well then, tell me about the matter of the devil-kin.」

「Oh, for the time being, the devil-kin had been discovered in three places.」

「They have been already discovered, huh.」

「They might have done something for sneaking in until now.

For the time being, the ones who had been discovered were the ones in.....

Nippo, Ikebu and here, Shinju town.」

I've expected the Ikebu and Shinju but Nippo is unexpected.

According to Lela's story, it seems to be as follows: ●Shinju town

A suspicious hooded person was discovered in town.

The soldier ordered it to show its face by taking off the hood but ignoring the order, it fled.

All the guard soldiers searched but they didn't manage to find it.

●Ikebu town

Adventurers found several devil-kin in the forest near the town.

The adventurers attacked by the devil-kin, the situation fell into battle.

One of the adventurers was injured, taking them into disadvantage.

Other adventurers came to help.

The devil-kin withdrew, disappearing from sight.

●Nippo town

Adventurers discovered a devil-kin-like person in the forest near the town.

Without chasing it too far, he went back to the town and reported it.

A devil-kin search party was formed but they didn't manage to found it by searching the forest.

Something like this.

For now, it was good that it didn't cause significant damage.

Chapter 217: Ebisu town

「Well then, I will go to Masamune-san's place to get the sword, what will everyone do?」

「I'd like to check my movements using magic.

Because I wasn't able to use magic readily in Japan~.」

「Then, I'll be Captain's opponent.」

「Aya-kun, thank you.」

「I also want to do a special training of magic.」

Hilda said so too.

Although we visited several mana crystals last week, she didn't get a chance to try them out~.

「Well then, I will teach Hilda magic.」

That means, Aya is with Mai-san in her special training, while Elena is with Hilda in her special training.....

In the end, no one is going to come with me.....

I'm not lonely or something like that! *Sniff*.....

The four people will be having their special training outside the Shinju town, I've gone to Masamune-san's place all alone.

「Hello~」

「Oh, you've come.」

Masamune-san took out the reforged sword at once.

「Huh? It feels somewhat different from before.」

「That's right, now that it has been reforged, it's not the『sword of trial』 anymore.

The name of this fellow is『white belt katana』.」

I tried to appraise it.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【White belt katana】

| The sword that becomes the proof that the Sword Art has been approved.

| It absorbs the user's habit and becomes stronger.

| Ability: Raises the power of【Wind blade】

| Rarity: ★★★★★

| Trial:

| Subjugate Wind attribute monsters 0/10

| Subjugate Water attribute monsters 0/10

| Subjugate Earth attribute monsters 0/10

| Subjugate Fire attribute monsters 0/10

White belt, does it mean there's also black belt beyond this?

It seems that the trial has become somewhat troublesome.

It seems impossible to accomplish this trial in a day or two.

I thanked Masamune-san and went back to Shinju town.

In the grassland outside the Shinju town, Mai-san with Aya and Hilda with Elena were having a special training.

Mai-san and Aya,

were having a karate match at a lightning speed.

Well, even if I say karate—

it's slightly different from normal karate since explosion and tornado have occurred!

Hilda and Elena,

were generating ice tornado and flame tornado.

Apart from that, around the entrance of the town, soldiers and adventurers are looking at here, watching the situation.

Rather than watching the situation, their mouths will open half way every now and then toward the excessive happening, they can only look in mute amazement.

「Oh, onii-chan, have you finished your errands yet?」

Aya stops her battle with Mai-san and runs toward here.

「I have received the finished sword,
since I will now going to run towards Ebisu town, you can continue your
special training as it is.」
「Ye~s.」

I part with Aya and begin to run southwards from Shinju town.

I ran for a while, confirmed that there is nobody watching and raised my
speed using【Lightning flash】.

While running for about an hour, a smoke rising from the other side of the hill
came into view.

Is that the『Ebisu town』?

When I crossed over the hill, I saw a townscape which spread through the
foot of the mountain range.

However, it looks strange.

Black smokes rise up from all over the town, buildings, walls and the like have
collapsed in various places.

When I further approached, injured people are lying down here and there,

there are people who seem to have died.

When I finally arrived at the entrance of the town, I asked the soldier who sat injured.

「What on earth has happened here?」

「An adventurer who came from Shinju town?

Actually, the town encountered a surprise attack last night.」

「A surprise attack!?

Is it by any chance the devil-kin?」

「Devil-kin? Oh, that's right, it's the devil-kin, huh!

There were certainly guys who have two grown horns.

Those fellows attacked by pulling in a large quantity of monsters.」

Shit, those devil-kin guys finally put it into effect!

「There seem to be a lot of injured people, is there no healer in this town?」

「What did you say!?

This town is the town where the【Recovery magic temple】is located, you know?

There are a lot of healers here than any other place.」

「Then, why is there a lot of injured people.」

「The road that leads to the district where the healers live is no longer passable due to landslides.

It's now being hurriedly repaired by the people who survived.

However, there isn't enough manpower.....」

When the soldier spoke up to there, he fainted while sitting.

This is a considerably bad situation. I must hurry!

I went back to Shinju town with【teleportation】.

「Everyone! Stop your special training!」

「Oh, onii-chan, welcome back.

Is something wrong?」

「Ebisu town has been attacked by the devil-kin, getting a lot of people injured.

Let's help them to recover, everyone!」

「「Yes!」」「「Ou!」」

I went back to Ebisu town with everyone in a hurry.

「Elena, treat the injured people.

Don't take too much time on one person, after that, prioritize the people with serious injuries as much as possible.」

「Yes.」

「Hilda, you will help Elena as well.

Hand over candies during emergency,

I'm depending on you.」

「Yes.」

「Mai-san and Aya, you two come with me.

We'll help with the repair work of the landslide site.」

「「Ou.」」

I left the treatment of the injured people to Elena and Hilda, we rushed to the landslide site.

At the landslide site, about ten people were undertaking the repair work.

However, everyone was injured and reached their limits physically.

「We are adventurers who came from Shinju town.

We will help with the repair work.」

「Oh, thank you, you saved us the trouble.」

「I'm sorry but since it's dangerous, all of you please withdraw.」

When I let the injured people withdraw—

Mai-san crushes a huge boulder with her fist, while Aya sucks up the crushed boulder with a tornado which has a constant suction force and piles it up on the side.

Then, I put away the huge boulder into my inventory and reinforced the cliff which seemed to collapse with【Earth magic】.

「What kind of people are you!?!」

They were surprised by our exceptional performance.

Chapter 218: Sister army corps

We hasten the repair work of the landslide site.

After a while, I can hear voices coming from the other side of the collapsed cliff.

They are probably people who got trapped.

「Seiya!」

With a shout, Mai-san destroyed a huge boulder—

when the huge boulder crumbled with *gara gara*, the other side was finally visible.

「Oo-!」

Cheers break out on this side and the other side of the collapsed cliff simultaneously.

When the cloud of dust caused by the destruction of the huge boulder cleared up—

a sister obaa-san appeared.

The sister obaa-san is taking along a sister army corps of about 50 people behind her.

「Butte-sama!」

The townspeople who were doing the repair work in the beginning rushed toward the sister obaa-san and knelt.

She seems to be a higher-up somehow or other.

「Butte-sama, it's the best that you're safe.」

That sister obaa-san is called『Butte-sama』, huh.

「You must have been in a lot of trouble, thank you so much for your hard work.

By the way, is there no food?

We were robbed off of food by thieves, there isn't anything for the healers to eat.」

「I'm sorry, Butte-sama. The townspeople were robbed off of food too.」

「That's troublesome,huh.....」

The sisters in the back hang their heads down when they heard it too.

「Butte-sama, what is that staff?」

Staff?

When I looked closely, Butte-sama held a shabby staff.

It's a staff that can really be called hastily made, a cloth adequately wrapped around a tree branch which has fallen somewhere.

No, no. I mustn't judge it by its appearance.

Ah, it may not look like it but it's probably a really great staff.

「To hold such a hastily made staff or something.....」

It was a hastily made staff according to its appearance.....

「The【Staff of Asclepius】.....

was stolen by the thieves.....」

「What!!?」

It seems to be a name of some great staff.

It will certainly be a great staff.

When I was thinking such a thing—

Butte-sama suddenly looked over here, and called out to me.

「Oya, you're Princess Elena's escort.....

if I'm not mistaken, Seiji-san.」

N? How does she know my name?

Ah! If I'm not mistaken, this person was probably also there when the aristocrats gathered in the war.

「H-, Hello.....」

Umu, I'm not very good at dealing with aristocrats.

When I give a poor response, they may suddenly get angry.

「You being here means, has Princess Elena also come?」

「Yes, she is treating the injured people in the town.」

「What!? Elena-sama!

Let's also go to the town quickly.」

We went back to the town with Butte-sama.

「How terrible.....」

Butte-sama and the sisters were dumbfounded when they saw the condition of the destroyed town.

However, we didn't even see a single injured person whom we had seen a lot earlier.

Perhaps, all of them went to where Elena is.

When I checked the map and went to where Elena is, in a place that seemed to be the assembly hall of the town, Elena was performing treatment amidst of many injured people.

Hilda was moving about busily, giving the injured people water to drink.

「Elena, are you alright?」

「Seiji-sama...and, Butte-sama!」

Butte-sama walked over to Elena and knelt.

「Princess Elena who treated the injured people of my town, how should I thank you.....」

When Butte-sama appeared, the surrounding people were also surprised, and when they saw Butte-sama kneeling toward Elena, they were further surprised.

「Butte-sama is kneeling down.....」

「.....P-, Princess...that young woman is!?!」

「I thought that she is a wonderful healer but.....

to unexpectedly be Princess-sama.....」

When they found out that the person who was casting recovery magic on them is the Princess, a commotion broke out in the assembly hall.

「Butte-sama, please wait because I will heal the injury this person.」

As Elena said so, she cast recovery magic to the injured person.

The injured person lying in front of Elena had his wound steadily healed under the effect of recovery magic and his painful expression gradually loosened.

「P-, Princess Elena.....

since when were you able to learn recovery magic up to here!?!」

「It's thanks to Seiji-sama.」

Butte-sama looked back and stared at me.

I trained Elena. How's thattt?

「Princess Elena is joking again.」

Butte-sama seemed to have taken it as Elena's joke!

Well, Elena's recovery magic is the result of her own hard work, there's no

need to thank me.

「Princess-sama, since we will do the rest, please take a break.」

When Butte-sama says so.....

the sisters in the back look gloomy.

The oba-san^[1] sister who seems to be the oldest among the sisters steps forward and whispers into Butte-sama's ear.

I pricked my ears up a little and listen.

「Butte-sama, we are also exhausted with the fight against the thieves and everyone's magic power has run out.

Without food and if we overuse our magic power in this situation too, we might also collapse.」

「What did you say!?

For all that the Princess-sama have done so far, we can't just stand by and do nothing.」

It seems that they are barely『sraping by』somehow or other.

Then, it's our turn.

「Hilda! Come over here for a moment.」

「Yes!」

I called Hilda.

「Seiji-onii-chan, what is it?」

「Since those sisters seem to be in trouble of running out magic power, give them candy.」

「Yes! Understood!」

Hilda rushed out vigorously,

and kept on giving the sisters candies.

Cheers broke out from the sisters who got candies, saying「It's sweet」.

「Aya, Mai-san!」

「What?」 「What is it?」

「Since we are going to hand out food, please look for a metal that can be used to create a pot and something that can be used as a firewood.」

「Rooger!」 「Leave it to me.」

Aya and Mai-san rushed out of the assembly hall.

When I cleared up an open space in front of the assembly hall—

Aya came back with a huge bell.

「Onii-chan, I've found this!

Can you make a pot with this?」

「Where did you find this?」

「It has fallen.」

Is this bell not something important in the town?

I'm having trouble deciding whether it's fine to use it.

「What on earth are you going to do?」

Someone called out from behind and when I looked back—

it was Butte-sama.

「You're just in time, Butte-sama.

I'm planning to distribute food with the food we brought, so can I make this bell into a pot?」

「This bell is.....」

It seemed to be an important bell after all.

「It can't be helped.

To alleviate the people's hunger is our bigger priority than the bell right now.

But, how are you going to make a pot out of that bell?」

「I'll do it like this.」

I re-shaped the bell into a pot with【Earth magic】.

「What!?

So you are a【Earth magic】user, huh.

Besides, such a big thing.....

maybe what Princess Elena said wasn't wholly a joke.」

It seems she understood my greatness somehow or other.

「But, where is the food?」

「Oh, I've been carrying it using magic.」

I took out a large leisure sheet and spread it on the ground.

I took out all the food in the inventory and placed it on top of that, creating a huge pile.

「Wh-, What!!?」

Butte-sama looked at the large amount of food and nearly jumped out of her skin.

「Now, what should I make with the pot~.」

Chapter 219: Soup

「Now, what soup should I make~.」

When I murmured unintentionally so, Aya from the side.....

「Just make whatever you think is fine!」

said something irresponsible.

「Aya, it will become a yami nabe then.」

「Yami nabe is good! Then, it has been decided!」

「Don't arbitrarily decide!」

Since there are a lot of orcs, the meat of an orc would be fine for the meat.

If I did that, it's going to be a pork miso soup containing orc meat.

Since it's an orc meat, it's not going to be『Pork miso soup』but『Orc soup』.....

since it sounds strange,『Pork soup』is fine.

I will have Hilda help me make a fire.

When I went to the assembly hall, Elena and Hilda were able to take a break since the healers' magic power had recovered.

「I'm sorry to ask you during your break but since I'm going to cook outside, can you help me, Hilda?」

「Ye~s.」

Hilda is full of energy.

「Seiji-sama, I will also help.」

「You healed a lot of injuries, aren't you tired, Elena?」

「I'm fine!」

Elena seems to be full of spirit too.

When we went out of the assembly hall, the townspeople who were healed from their injuries followed in succession from behind.

I wonder if they heard that we are going to cook.

「Well then, please wait a moment since I'm now going to make a kamado^[1].」

I make everyone fall back and try to make a kamado near the large pot.

However, the townspeople are gathering one after another and it has become the center of attention.

It's hard to do it.....

「Onii-chan, do your best!」

Shit, I'm already burning.

But on second thought, I think『it's good to attract attention』!

「Here I go!!」

I fired myself up and exclaimed,

with my mind focused like some warrior race^[2], I put all my power into my whole body.

As a bonus, I make my hair stand up using static electricity, and also imitate the generation of electric discharge phenomenon on purpose.

「What!?!」 「What on earth is happening!?!」

The onlookers have started to become noisy.

I vigorously slams both of my hands on the ground, along with an earth tremor, the kamado is being constructed with【Earth magic】.

Of course, the earth tremor is also a staging.

and, a somewhat exaggerated kamado was completed.

「Oooooo!!」

「Next, water. Will you please, Elena?」

「Yes!」

Joro joro

Elena gets on top of the stand I've made in order to put things inside the pot and has poured water with *joro joro*.

「Elena, can you do it a little bit more energetically?」

「Y-, yes.」

Somehow or other, it seems she is embarrassed doing *joro joro* with everyone watching.

It can't be helped, I will look at Elena firmly too.

Finally, Elena finished doing *joro joro*, her body was shivering for some reason.

It's just really an ordinary water, right? Right?

「Next, fire.

The situation is good, I leave it to you, Hilda!」

「The situation is good?

I understand!」

Aya, Mai-san and I put firewoods into the kamado, and sent a signal to Hilda.

Hilda raised the magic stone of oil's rod and poured her magic power into it.

At the same time as Hilda opened her eyes widely—

a『Flame tornado』burst forth.

「Wa!」

The onlookers who were a little scared and moved back found out the it was safe and burst into applause.

「Incredible, I haven't seen such a great Fire magic before.」

That's right, that's right,

I trained Hilda. How's thattt!?

Hilda's magic didn't end with that,

three firebirds jumped out from the flame tornado.

「What's that!?!」

A commotion arose from the onlookers.

And then, the firebirds,

entered into the kamado as if they were returning to their nest—

The firewood in the kamado flared up vigorously.

「Uwaaaaa!!」

A loud cheering arose from the onlookers, Hilda had been embarrassed.

Well, what she did was merely lighting up the firewood of the kamado, right?

Why are we doing this kind of exaggerated performance you say—

it is to make the heart of the townspeople calm down even a little.

Attacked by the devil-kin, it has led to a large number of victims.

However, the people who survived.....

have to rebuild this town after this.

Food is what the people here now worried about the most.

Most of the town's food has been robbed off by the devil-kin, even if they ask the other town for support, the round-trip will take four days and the food preparation and the likes will take a day, they can't rely on food support for at least 5 days.

That's why I showed a large quantity of food and there needs to be an exaggerated cooking in a huge pot.

With that said, I prepare the pot,

I finely cut the vegetables and throws it in, I have Hilda to dismantle an orc and throws it in, and finally-!

it's the 10 kg『Miso with soup stocks for professional's use』which I bought from the supermarket for business purposes.

The 10kg miso with soup stock has been thrown into the pot.

Then, a nice aroma of miso wafts through the surroundings.

「Somehow, it's a savory aroma!」

Each of townspeople searched for the one which will likely be the container and began to line up in a row.

I created a『ladle』with a wooden stick and a suitable metal, and served the people who lined up a pork miso soup.

「Deliciousssss!!」

It seemed that they liked it somehow or other, everyone unanimously said 'delicious, delicious' as they ate.

「Now, the distribution of food has also been completed, should I go to Lela's place?」

「Onii-chan, what are you going to do by going to Lela's place? A tryst?」

「Why did it become so.

I'm going to report that the Ebisu town was attacked.

And, I will ask for support too.」

「Ah, it's that, huh.」

There is only that.

「Well then, I will leave the rest to you for a while.」

「Ye~s.」

Chapter 220: The Devil-kin's whereabouts

「Lela, Ebisu town was attacked by the devil-kin.」

「W-, What did you say!?!」

「It caused a considerable damage, can't the Shinju town provide support?」

「I will try to consult otou-sama.」

「The food isn't enough in particular.

Lela, I'll rely on you.」

「Y-, yes.....」

This fellow Lela, despite being in such a situation, she seems to be happy.

Imprudent fellow.

Perhaps, she is happy that I'm relying on her?

「Since I will carry the relief goods, let me know when you are ready by hitting the twin magic stone.」

「That's right! It also has that kind of use!」

Her expression is like a child asking to be bought a new toy.....

Don't use it for something strange, okay?

「Seiji, what are you going to do now?」

「I'll try to find the whereabouts of the devil-kin that attacked the Ebisu town.」

「I see.....

be careful, okay?」

「Ah.」

I parted with Lela and returned to Ebisu town.

「Welcome back, onii-chan. Were you able to flirt with Lela?」

「I didn't!」

「Really?」

Aya sniffed my smell with *kun kun*.

Are you a wife who is suspecting an affair!?

「I will go out again,

I will leave the town to you.」

「Where are you going?」

「I'm going to look for the whereabouts of the devil-kin.」

「Then, I will also be going.」

「It's no good.」

「Why!?!」

「I will be searching using【lightning flash】.

Are you able to keep up?」

「Gununu.」

「If you don't act violently, you can hunt monsters around the town.」

「There are monsters?」

「Yes, to some degree.」

「I understand, I will go『Human-hunting^[1]』.」

「If you are going, go exactly with four people.」

「Un.」

Ah, my imouto has become a hunter.....

I shouldn't have brought her to a different world, huh~.

Now, the problem is which way did the devil-kin go towards.

I'm thinking this 4.

1. Northwards of『Shinju town』.

2. Westwards of『Demon-kind town』.

3. Eastwards of『Shinaga town』.

4. If they didn't stop by anywhere, then they have returned to the stronghold of the devil-kin.

If we assume that it's one these four, they are going to be difficult to track, but it won't cause additional damage.

If it's number one, since Lela is in Shinju town, she can do something about it somehow or another.

For the same reason, the demon-kind should be able to deal with it in the case of number 2.

If that's the case then, we can assume that the possibility of『3』causing damage is high, let's try to search eastwards.

I went eastwards with【Lightning flash】.

I continued running eastwards for awhile, when the sun went down and the surroundings gradually became dark, I found those fellows.

The devil-kin.

I confirmed that there were about 100 devil-kin on the map.

I concealed myself using【Night shade】magic, and carefully approached.

The devil-kin are there.

About 100 devil-kin were camping out.

And, there is an important-looking guy in the center.

He's probably the leader of these guys.

If can use【appraisal】, I can see it in detail, but then I will be noticed.

When I look closely, the important-looking guy is holding a amazing-looking staff of something.

Could it be that it was the something staff stolen from Butte-sama?

I have to take it back and return it to Butte-sama.

Dangerous, there are also human hostages.

About 30 people and every one of them have slave collars on.

There are 10 sisters, and there are 20 adult men and women.

I feel regretful for the hostages, but I will return and call Aya and the others at once.

「Eh?」

I returned to Ebisu town, but Aya and the other were not here.

They really went to『human-hunting』.....

When I check the map, I found them in the nearby forest so I went to meet them with【Teleportation】.

「O-, Onii-chan!

Hooray! The main baggage carrier has come, victory is mine!」

Aya was walking while lifting a huge bear overhead.

Mai-san had a giant wild boar while Elena and Hilda had a great rat each in both of their hands.

「That's a decent harvest.」

「No, not at all, we had hunted even more, but it couldn't be carried around so we left it behind and come back for it later.」

I asked the place where they had left it behind, and went toward its location—

Orc, and bear, and wild boar,
and such monsters had been piled up.

Did nobody notice that it needs to be carried!?

Collecting the monsters that Aya and the others had piled up, we returned to the town.

「Well then, the devil-kun went towards『Shinaga town』, huh.」

「That's right.」

We who have returned to Ebisu town reported the situation to Butte-sama.

「Then, the guy who seems to be the leader of the devil-kin held a great-looking staff.」

「Perhaps, that is.....」

「Perhaps, it was the one stolen from here...staff of something? I think.」

「The【Staff of Aesculapius】?」

「That one.」

Elena followed up.

「I have to get back that staff no matter what it takes.....」

Butte-sama had a desperate expression while saying so.

「Is that staff so amazing?」

「That staff.....

has the power to forcibly raised the recovery magic of the person who held by one level.」

To raise one level.....

in other words, if Elena who has level 5 recovery magic use it, her recovery magic will level up by 1 and will become level 6.....

that's amazing.

「Onii-chan, we will naturally get it back, right?」

「Ou, of course!」

「You guys will also join us in recapturing strategy?」

「No, that's not it.

We are the only ones who will go.」

「N!?

S-, Such recklessness!」

「Well, please leave it to us.」

Chapter 221: Battle against the devil-kin

I cast【Night shade】magic on myself,
and sneaked into the depths of the devil-kin's camp.

The devil-kin were eating the food which had been robbed from Ebisu town to their hearts content, and then went to sleep soundly.

The several people who were ordered to stand guard were completely careless as well.

Are they underestimating the humans?

The leader who held that『staff of something』(I couldn't remember its name no matter what) put the staff aside and was sleeping too.

Let's take it.

I stealthily put the staff away into the inventory.

『Enemy attack!!!』

The devil-kin's lookout loudly yelled.

『W-, What!?』

The leader asked his subordinate who wake him up about the situation and was surprised.

『With only that much damage and food that we took, but they have come in pursuit?』

『I don't know.

The enemy seems to be only 2 female hornless.』

『Ridiculous! They came all the way here to become a slave, huh.』

However, when the leader came out from his tent—
an unbelievable spectacle had spread out there.

There are only two hornless young female, furthermore, one of them is a child.

Well, they are but Aya and Mai-san.

Neither hands nor feet have even reach the charge of the two people, the devil-kin soldiers are being blown away high up in the sky one after another.

There is also someone who is running away in too much fear.

『What are you doing, come together at the hornless females!!』

『B-, But, they are stronger than expected.....』

『This is why commoners are useless, use the hornless slaves as a shield.』

『Yes!』

The soldiers are commoners?

In other words, is that leader an aristocrat?

The soldiers who were ordered by the devil-kin leader tried to run towards the people who were enslaved.

Exactly at that time-!

A wall of huge flame suddenly appeared up ahead of them.

『Wa!!』

The soldiers who are surprised at the excessive occurrence have fallen on their butts.

『What is it!?』

『I-, I don't know, a wall of flame suddenly appeared in front of the slaves.』

『Put out the fire quickly!!』

『Y-, Yes!!』

However, a『Firebird』suddenly emerged from the wall of flame.

『Uwaa!?!』

The『Firebird』attacked the devil-kin who was going to put out the fire, covering his whole body with fire.

『Help mee!!』

The devil-kin soldier rolls over the ground trying to put out the fire that covers his body.

At the sight, the other soldiers even forgot to help their ally and backed away.

『What happened!? Someone explain!!』

However, nobody answers him.

Naturally, the wall of flame and the firebird were Hilda's works.

And then, Elena helped the people who were enslaved during that interval, freeing them from slavery using the【curse dispelling potion】that I gave her.

After a while, when the wall of flame disappeared—
the slaves weren't there anymore.

『The slaves are gone!』

『Such a fool!』

When the devil-kin leader was dumbfounded—
the sound of Aya and Mai-san while trampling the soldiers gradually grew near.

『All of you, attack!』

『B-. But.....』

『Just go!!』

『Y-, Yes.』

When the guard soldier also attacked, I was wondering what this fellow was going to do—

he took out a magic stone with trembling hands and was going to use it.

Is this fellow trying to escape on his own?

Bachi!

『Gyaa!』

As usual, I've made him faint using【Electric shock】.

I tried to use【Appraisal】to the magic stone he was going to use and it was still a【magic stone of return】.

When I observe the scene, everybody isn't trying to escape. Have they already run out of【magic stone of return】?

Well, the【magic stone of return】is disposable, now that they can't restock from Ikebu town, there will be quite a few remaining.

In addition, the leader had a plethora of【magic stone of monster outbreak】, 【magic stone of monster subordination】, and【Slave collar】.

The last guy also had a【Magic stone of monster outbreak】—

but this was the first time I've seen a【magic stone of monster subordination】.

└─<Appraisal>—

| 【Magic stone of monster subordination】

| Makes the monsters in the surroundings obey you.

| Only effective when their level is lower than your own.

| Rarity: ★★★★★

└──────────

I see, they were controlling the monsters using this, huh.

The rest, I wonder what should I do with the【Slave collar】~.

Should I try to put it on Aya?

Umu, that's a good idea. (It's a lie, right~?)

Well, let's put it away.

When the limbs of the devil-kin leader had been restrained with vinyl cord—
Aya and Mai-san, and Elena and Hilda have finished their respective work and gathered.

「Onii-chan, we have finished cleaning up all the soldiers~.」

「Seiji-sama, rescuing the hostages and freeing them from slavery are done.」

「Alright, the issue has been settled.」

I also firmly tied the devil-kin soldiers up with vinyl cord, and transported everyone--100 devil-kin soldiers, and 30 hostages--with【Teleportation】to Ebisu town.

I'm extremely tired.....

The former hostages were glad about their reunion with each of their families and embraced each other.

「Princess Elena, Seiji-san, I don't know how to thank you for your help in the town this time.....」

While the thankful Butte-sama was full of joy and kneeling toward us,

「Butte-sama, here.」

I took out that staff from the inventory and gave it to her.

「T-, This is-!

the【Staff of Aesculapius】!?

You have taken it back, huh.....」

Butte-sama has tears in her eyes.

Was it something so important!?

Chapter 222: Staff of Aesculapius

We received a preferential accommodation at the inn which somehow restored.

And the next day,

we were eating the breakfast which the hostess cooked.

The ingredients were the meat of the monsters that Aya and the others got yesterday.

「Princess Elena, everyone, good morning.」

Butte-sama along with several sister-sans came to visit all the way this early morning.

「Good morning, Butte-sama.

What happened in such early in the morning?」

「I'd like for Princess Elena to come to the temple of recovery.

Of course, after you have your breakfast is fine.」

What on earth could it be?

Well, I'd also like to visit the Mana crystal of recovery so it's just right in time.

We finished eating breakfast and went to the temple of recovery led by Butte-sama.

「Come to think of it, Butte-sama.

What has happened to the devil-kin whom we have caught?」

「Those people are going to be publicly executed.」

Umu, since they have caused that much damage, it's probably their just deserts.

While having such talk,
through the aforementioned landslide site, we have arrived at the temple of recovery.

60 sister-sans arrayed in front of the temple of recovery.

What the heck has really happened?

「Princess Elena, thank you very much for your various help on Ebisu town this time.」

Elena smiled majestically like a princess.

Such part was truly a princess.

「And,

as a result of the discussion of all of us healers, we decided to hand this【Staff of Aesculapius】

over to Princess Elena.

Will you accept?」

「「Ehh!!」」

Wasn't it something considerably important?

「Such an important thing, I cannot accept it.」

Elena also pulls back from the sudden situation.

Butte-sama slowly approached Elena, and began to speak.

「This【Staff of Aesculapius】

has been passed down from generation to generation to the one who mastered recovery magic.

I inherited this staff when I mastered the recovery magic, and had been

conceited.

However-! Yesterday, I saw the figure of Princess Elena healing the townspeople's injuries and was convinced.

My recovery magic is nowhere near Princess Elena's level.

I couldn't help but be ashamed that I hold this staff.

To offer the【Staff of Aesculapius】to Princess Elena is the consensus of all the healers who are here.

So please accept it.」

「But, I'm travelling.

If I accept this staff, the staff will be separated from this town.

Is it still fine?」

「Yes, we are well aware of it.」

It seems they're quite strong-willed.

Butte-sama stares straight at Elena.

「Understood, I will take care of it.」

When Elena said so, Butte-sama bloomed with a smile.

The location was the dome-shaped room where the mana crystal was enshrined inside the temple of recovery.

While the sisters stood in line and watched, from Butte-sama to Elena, the transfer ceremony of the【Staff of Aesculapius】was held.

Elena changes clothes into a ceremonial dress and is totally like an angel.

A solemn ceremony-like something was performed, and the【Staff of Aesculapius】was slowly handed over to Elena.

And then, the staff which Elena received floated a little—

at that moment-!

the【Staff of Aesculapius】began to slowly shine.

N? Does Elena used some kind of magic?

That's not it. Elena is also surprised at the light.

After a while, the light has disappeared, and Elena is in a peculiar state for some reason.

She is following the nothingness in the air with her eyes, and when I looked closely, Butte-sama and the sisters are also following something with their eyes in the same way.

What is it? Is something in there?

「It's probably that light.」

Mai-san who is watching at the side sees something too.

Aya and Hilda can't see it.

Aya, Elena and I can't see it,

Elena, Butte-sama, the sisters and Mai-san can see it.....

Is it something magic-ish?

Pikon!

I see!

It's the Recovery magic spirit!

Elena has a conversation with something invisible somehow or other for a while.

Butte-sama seems to hear it too.

It seems to be the spirit as expected.

Dangerous, isn't that mean that she is going to fight against the spirit for the contract?

After a while, Elena was trying to accept something with open arms.

And then, when I'm thinking what she was trying to do, she made a gesture like tightly hugging something!

Elena's body began to shine.

Huh?

Is the contract with the spirit by any chance completed?

No fighting??

Perhaps, there's no fighting particularly because it's the Recovery magic spirit?

Although she was in the middle of the ceremony, I rushed toward Elena.

「Elena, did you by any chance make a contract with the Recovery magic spirit?」

「Yes, Seiji-sama.

I've become friends with Spirit-sama.」

It was good, she didn't have to fight.

「Princess Elena.....

as expected, you.....

have mastered the recovery magic, huh.....」

Butte-sama trembles with *wana wana*, she immediately knelt and began to pay respect to Elena.

Well, I perfectly understand the feeling of wanting to worship Elena who looks like an angel!

「Butte-sama, may I use one magic?」

「Yes, by all means!」

You don't know what magic Elena is going to use, but have you begun to worship Elena, Butte-sama?

Elena raises the【Staff of Aesculapius】and begun to pour magic power.

The staff has begun to shine,

then a pink, gentle light spreads out into a spherical shape.

The light swallows us and fills the entire room, and spreads out further to the outside.

I felt power gushing forth from my body the next moment.

What on earth is this!?

When I used【Appraisal】on myself—

it had become『Condition: Divine protection of the Recovery Spirit』.

「Elena, what in the world is this.....」

「I asked Spirit-sama and had her wrapped the entire town with her divine protection.

When inside this town, strength, magic power, wounds, and *etc.* will gradually recover.」

「E-, Elena, how long does the effect lasts?」

「It seems to last for about a week.」

A-, Amazing.....

I seem to have wet myself.....

「Elena, may I use【Appraisal】?」

「Yes.」

When I used【Appraisal】on Elena—

Eh? Is it a mistake?

Let's check it again.....

Strange.....

No matter how many times I try.....

The level of Elena's recovery magic is...

『7』.....

I-, It becomes.....

『7』, whaaaaaaaat!!!!?

Chapter 223: Relief goods

It finally settled down,

I tried to think slowly why Elena's recovery magic had become level 7.

The base level goes up to 6 by the contract with the spirit, furthermore, with the +1 that the staff's effect has caused, it seems to have become 7 in total.

However,『7』.....

Well, that aside—

let's ask Butte-sama for that thing.

「I'm sorry Butte-sama, but since we're here anyway, can we visit the mana crystal of recovery?」

Money is fine, but will you make it cheaper since it only has that much function?

「It's true that there's a lot of condition but.....

we can't say such thing to you guys.

Everyone, please go and visit.」

It's even free, lucky!

Our visit results were,

Aya and Mai-san's were level 1.

Hilda's was level 2.

Mine was level 3.

Well, mine is far inferior to Elena's level 7, but it's thoughtless to even compared them.

With that said, when I was rejoicing that I have gotten the recovery magic—the twin magic stones in my breast pocket vibrated with *ton-ton*.

It's a signal from Lela.

「The relief goods seem to have been prepared at the Shinju town.
Since I'm going to get it, everyone please wait here for a moment.」
「Yes.」 「Ye~s.」 「Un.」

「Lela, I'm sorry to have kept you waiting.」
「Seiji.....
you will come immediately once I signaled, huh.
This is somehow fun.」

「Oi, Lela, don't use it for strange things, okay?」
「I-, I know.....」

「Well then, where are the relief goods?」

「It's prepared in the next room.」

When I went to the next room—

goods were piled up like a mountain.

「You have procured so many, huh.」

「I had a merchant to procure them.」

「With this, the Ebisu town's people will also be saved.」

「I see.」

Although Lela only said a few words, her expression was happy.

The fellow who was going to kill Aya in revenge for losing in the competition grew up so much.

I put away all the prepared goods into the inventory.

「Well then, I'm going to deliver them to Ebisu town.」

「Ah, wait a moment.

This is the goods' statement of delivery.

Have them confirm it upon receipt and sign it.」

Is this an express home delivery service!?

「What should I do after I got them to sign it?」

「Since the Reconstruction Support Unit that departed yesterday should arrive there the day after tomorrow, hand it over to them.」

「Understood, I will do so.」

Did you let the Reconstruction Support Unit depart yesterday? You did a good job, huh.

「T-, That's right, Seiji.....」

「What is it?」

「I always have you to help me with the transport of luggage, I'm sorry.」

「What are you saying so suddenly?

Since it's the devil-kin's fault this time, it can't be helped.」

「I-, I see.....」

Lela has begun to fidget for some reason.

Does she want to go to the toilet or something?

「As thanks for helping me, it's.....

I'd like to do something to thank you.....

don't you have...something you want from..me?」

「No, there's nothing that comes to mind in particular for now.

It's fine since I'll be relying on you if there's something troubling happened again next time, I'll be sure to ask you at that time.」

「I-, I see.....」

Lela looked disappointed for some reason.

Did you want to thank me that much? What a dutiful fellow.

I bid farewell to Lela,
and went back to Ebisu town.

However, as soon as I came back to Ebisu town, the vibration of the twin magic stone in my breast pocket had become faster.

That fellow Lela has started to train again.
She's really a training enthusiast, huh.

While feeling the twin magic stone in my breast pocket vibrates with *bikun bikun*, I went to the assembly hall which became the reconstruction emergency headquarters in Ebisu town.

Butte-sama was taking the command of the reconstruction duty in the assembly hall.

「Butte-sama, I got the relief goods from Lela of Shinju town.」

「Oh, Seiji-san.

Hm, Lela-san? Relief goods?

What do you mean?」

I took out the relief goods which have been entrusted to me by Lela and piled them in the corner of the assembly hall.

「T-, This is.....」

「This is the relief goods' statement of delivery.

Please check the goods and sign it.

Since the Reconstruction Support Unit from Shinju town will seem to arrive the day after tomorrow, please hand the statement of delivery to those people.」

「It's right after yesterday so in this way.....

Besides, how did you carry it?」

Explaining is troublesome~.

「I carried it using slightly special magic.

Since I can't do it frequently, please don't rely on it so much.」

「Y-, yes.....」

Butte-sama was dumbfounded,

but oh, well.

Since they said that Aya and the others were outside helping with the reconstruction, I went to meet them.

「Oh Elena, how's the reconstruction going?」

Elena was making a dish which was going to be distributed to the people who were working on the reconstruction.

「Welcome back, Seiji-sama.

Since it's almost over, please wait a little bit.」

「Ou.」

However, Elena's cooking figure is picture-perfect~.

「Seiji-sama...」

「What is it?」

「I have a favor to ask.」

Oh? It's rare for Elena to have a favor to ask.

「If it's Elena's request, I'll comply with whatever it is.」

「Thank you very much.

Actually...

didn't I get such a wonderful staff?」

「That staff..... is a good stuff!」

「But, Butte-sama may be in trouble that she doesn't have a staff.

I'm wondering if we can give her a present as a substitute for the staff.....」

Elena is kind~.

I will pat her head later!

「That's right, how about making a recovery reinforcement magic stone, and give her a staff with it as a present?」

「That's wonderful!!」

「Alright, well then, I will go to the Suga town's weapon shop before we return back to Japan and try to request the production of the staff.」

「Yes!」

After waiting for Elena to finish cooking, the two of us replicated the recovery reinforcement magic stone from a magic stone of nullpo with【magic stone replicator tool】.

Then.....

the outcome magic stone—

was a【Recovery reinforcement magic stone +5】!

As expected of recovery magic level 7!

A magnificent magic stone had been completed.

Elena was rubbing the magic stone against her cheek with a fascinated expression.

Chapter 224: The low-life shop manager

We left Ebisu town and went to Suga town's weapon shop.

「Hello~」

「Oh, the guy who broke my courtyard.」

Till when are you going to quote that joke material.

Everyone might have forgotten it, but when I bought the【magic rod】here before, she had asked me to try it out which created a crater in the courtyard.

And then, this manager-san is a beautiful female manager-san.

However, the manager-san seems to be somewhat more displeased than usual.

Is something wrong?

「What did you came for?」

「Uh.....」

I was wondering if you can make us a staff.....」

「Make a staff?

Is it the useless ready-made one?」

Elena held out the new-made【recovery reinforcement magic stone +5】to the

manager-san.

The manager-san's eyes light up as soon as she saw the magic stone, and scrutinize it.

「I see, it's a remarkably high-quality【recovery reinforcement magic stone】. It will not become a match with the ready-made ones.

However.....

If such a luxurious magic stone is used, the raw materials of the staff should also have to be something of level.」

「I'll ask you to make it in the best raw materials at once.」

「Hou, that's also great~.

How about 50, 000 Aurum?」

E-, Expensive.....

Well, it can't be helped.

「Then, we'll ask that.」

「Thank you for your continued patronage!」

Manager-san suddenly became good mood, and began to clean up the mess on the table.

Huh?

Those things she was putting away right now.....

on top of the table were a gourd-like magic stone and a small, wooden barrel-like cup.

The gourd-like magic stone would be【twin magic stones】.

And, one of the twin magic stone was embedded at the bottom of the wooden cup.

「Is this by any chance.....」

「Oh, no good, no good. That's a top secret request.」

「However.....

If it's a wooden cup, the vibration of the voice doesn't reach the twin magic stones, right?」

「V-, Voice!? Vibration??

Did you by any chance understand what this magic tool is made for?」

「Isn't this a magic tool to speak with a distant person?

Wasn't it requested by Kiseri-san?」

「W-, Why do you know that?」

It's like that after all, huh.

「Didn't you see the paper cup prototype in Kiseri-san's place?

It is I who made that.」

「W-, What!?」

Manager-san sidles up to me with bloodshot eyes.

「I can't make it successfully no matter what.

Tell me its problems.」

Somehow or other, although it was requested, it seems she couldn't make it successfully and have gotten impatient.

「The materials are no good with wood.」

「However, there's no such high quality paper like that of the prototype, and there is nothing that can make a cup with paper.」

「How about a monster's leather?」

「Oh, there's a monster's leather, but.....

It's also impossible to make a cup with leather.」

「It's not necessary to make the whole cup with leather, it's fine to only make the bottom with leather and the rest with wood.」

「I see, so the material of the bottom of the cup is important.」

Manager-san began to violently smash the bottom of the wooden cup with a hammer.

It was quite bold.

「Ah, when you attach the leather to it, it's better to stretch it out so that it

will not loosen.」

「I understand.」

A leather had been attached to the wooden cup which had a hole opened up at the bottom, and then the magic stone was attached to the center of the leather part using some kind of an adhesive.

「Is this now good with this?」

「I think that it's fine.」

When we try to perform an operational testing.....

on top of being durable, the sound is very audible and clearer than the paper cup version.

This is good.

「Yey! It's a success!!」

Manager-san was so pleased that she took my hand and jumped up and down with *pyon pyon*.

This person has a quite cute side too.

「Guhehe~. There will be a large profit with this!」

This person has a quite low-life side too.

「Manager-san, do you know the matter of the devil-kin?」

「Yes, they seem to be attacking humans' towns.」

「Until that matter is settled, please don't sell this magic tool to the general public.」

「N?

Oh, I see!

It's going to be exploited if the devil-kin get their hands on this!」

Did you just notice it now?

「Well, it can't be helped.

Until then, the twin magic stones.....

are going to be bought up...guhehe.」

Low-life, beyond low-life!!

Since the creation of the staff will take about five days, we entrusted the magic stone to her and left the weapon shop.

Since I will leave for『Shinaga town』which is going to be the last destination, I had everyone to wait in Suga town,

and ran eastwards from where we fought against the devil-kin with【Lightning flash】.

After running for about an hour, the『Shinaga town』came into sight.

Since everyone would be going to enter the town together, I went back to Suga town at once and went back with everyone using【teleportation】.

「Ehh, so that place over there is the『Shinaga town』, huh~.

N?

Somehow, smoke is rising up...is it all right?」

「Ah, it's true.」

Although I didn't notice it until Aya said it, smoke rises up at many places of the town.

「Seiji-onii-chan, those are blacksmith's smokes.」

「N? Do you know this town, Hilda?」

「Yes, I'm from this town.」

Ehh, so Hilda is from this town, huh.

However, there's a lot of smoke rising up, this town has a lot of blacksmith.

When we arrived at the entrance of the town, we were called to a halt by the guard soldier.

For the guard to prevent the infiltration of the devil-kin, he had performed a physical examination.

Oi, stupid. Don't touch a strange place!

Oh, by the way, it's fine since a female soldier was in charge in the girls' physical examination.

There was really a lot of blacksmiths in『Shinaga town』.

The shops which lined up in the main street, about one to two buildings was a blacksmith.

Well, since we had no business in the blacksmith, we asked the passersby the location of the【Mana crystal of Fire】and the【Mana crystal of Light】and rushed toward the place.

When we arrived at the location of the【Mana crystal of Fire】, some kind of a construction work was being carried out.

「Excuse me, we'd like to visit the【Mana crystal of Fire】but.....」

I tried to talk to the guards.

「It's prohibited to visit for now.」

「N!? Why?」

「It seems to be a devil-kin countermeasure.

It's to prevent the【Fire magic】from being exploited by the devil-kin.」

「Such a thing.....

We have come here with so much trouble.」

「Well, the visit that is allowed now.....」

Is there any condition?

「seems to be those who can produce fire using magic.」

「N? Then, the only ones who can visit are those who can use【Fire magic】?」

「Well, it has been decided like that.」

「Then, it's entirely insignificant, isn't it?」

「Well, it seems so.」

Umu, what to do.....

Chapter 225: Complete

「Then, this child will visit with me.」

「N? Did you not hear what I've said?

The only ones who can visit are those who can produce fire using magic?」

「That's why this child and I will produce fire using magic.」

「Hou, if you're going to say that far, then try it here.」

Of course,『this child』is—

Hilda.....

rather, it's Mai-san.

Because Hilda has already visited the Mana crystal of Fire.

「Well then, Mai-san, show him.」

「Ou.」

Mai-san took a stance in front of the guard soldier.

「Here it goes!

【Exploding fist】!!!」

With an intense sound, the heat, light and shock wave swept over.

「How is it? It's more or less Fire magic.」

「.....O-, Ou.....

it seems so.....

You may pass!」

「Then, I'll perform next.」

When I was about to use the magic—

Aya approached.

「Onii-chan, can you really use Fire magic?」

「Isn't it not Fire magic though?

It's to produce fire using magic.」

「It's the same, isn't it?」

「They're different~.

Well, you'll see.」

I had Aya to withdraw and invoked the magic.

「N?

That's..isn't that【Water magic】!?!」

A water ball which I generated using【Water magic】floated in front of me.

The guard soldier had an amazed look.

「It's not done yet.」

I formed a peace sign with the fingers of my left hand, and the water ball was struck by my fingers with *zubu zubu* from below in the manner of two-point torture^[1].

And the water ball, as if it couldn't withstand the two-point torture, began to bubble with *buku buku*.

The bubbles that occurred were divided into left and right and gathered to become a group of two.

And from the two groups of vapor, each had a pipe that stretched toward the outside.

The vapors blew from there toward the outside making a *shoo* sound and the two vapors mixed together.

I generated a minimum【electric shock】to the mixture of vapors and ignited it.

Goo!

A straight blue flame broke out like that of a gas burner.

「W-, What on earth is this!?

Fire magic? No, is it Water magic?」

「Well, isn't it fine?

A fire was produced using magic, right?」

「I-, Indeed.....」

「Seiji-onii-chan, how did you do that?」

Alright, alright. Let's slowly teach the『two-point torture』to Hilda this evening.

If the trick is revealed, this is an electrolysis of the water.

The two vapors are hydrogen and oxygen.

It's only a spark in the mixture of vapors.

「Then, the two of you are allowed to visit.」

Mai-san and I got through the guard soldier and went to visit the Mana crystal of Fire.

『【Fire magic】acquired.

【Fire magic】is now level 4.』

When I finished visiting, my【Fire magic】suddenly became level 4!

When I confirmed it, in addition to【ignition】,【heating】and【flame control】that Hilda acquired, I also acquired【explosion】and【flammable gas generation】.

First, the【explosion】.

It becomes『generate an explosion accompanied by a flame illusion』.

flame illusion, huh.....

perhaps, the flame that occurs in Mai-san's exploding fist might be a flame illusion.

Then,【Flammable gas generation】.

It says『It changes the components of the air into flammable gas』.

This is good!

It can generate flame even without the【magic stone of oil】.

By the way, when I tried to use【Appraisal】to the embarrassed Mai-san, there was no change in level, but she acquired up to【explosion】magic.

Then, we went to visit the『Mana crystal of Light』.

There wasn't any particular condition here and seemed to be possible to visit with 10 Aurum per person.

If I acquired【Light magic】here.....

the magics will finally be completed!

It was a long and painful journey.....

it also marks the end here.

「What are you doing, onii-chan? Let's visit quickly.」

Shit, even though I immersed myself into sentimental mood with so much effort.

The results of the visit of the mana crystal of Light~.

Aya and Mai-san's were level 2.

Hilda's was level 3.

Elena and I were..... level 4!

It's somewhat high level on the whole.

However, the magics are finally completed.

I was expecting some kind of an event to occur in celebration of the completion, but there was no such thing.

「Nee, Onii-chan, look, look~.」

Aya wrote a character made of light in the air using【Light magic】.

Are you a child who frolic with fireworks!?

「Well, the acquisition of general magics was over too, if you're from this town, is there anyone you would like to meet, Hilda?」

「None, in particular.....」

Hilda's expression became dark.

Did I make her remember something unpleasant?

If Hilda doesn't want to talk, we can only leave it alone.

「Well then, let's go home.」

「「Ye~s.」」

I wasn't able to clear the sword of trial this week in the end.

I will try to do my best next week.

We returned home to Japan,

Mai-san made a phone call to Yurie-san.

That reminds me, she had promised that she is going to stay overnight there.

Is it really alright for her to go and stay overnight there?

「That's strange.」

Mai-san who should have made a phone call to Yurie-san looks puzzled.

「Is there something wrong, Mai-san?」

「Yurie-kun isn't answering the phone.」

Is she doing something strange alone?

Mai-san who was making a call to Yurie-san for a while had no sign of leaving at all.

「I wonder what's wrong?」

「Why don't you try to go to Yurie-san's house directly?」

「No, let's call it a day.

It's also rude to suddenly go without even contacting the person.

I'll wait for her to contact me once I get back to the house.」

「Is that so, well then, I'll send you off.」

「Thank you.」

I sent Mai-san off to her house.

I wonder what the heck has happened to Yurie-san?

.....

Chapter 226: Huge sum of money and wire

The next morning, there was still no call from Yurie-san. Although I'm quite worried, I entrusted it to Aya and went to work.

「Good morning, Maruyama-kun.」

At the entrance of the company, the President, and the Director greeted me.

What on earth is this!?

While being looked at by other people with strange looks, I was seized by the president and the director and was brought behind closed doors.

「What on earth is it?」

「Iya, we've been waiting for you, Maruya-kun.」

The eyes of the president and the director are scary for some reason.

The president put something which seems to be heavy in front of me.

「What's this?」

「It's a duralumin case.」

「That is, you will understand once you see it.」

「Well, please accept it without saying anything.」

「Y-, Yes.」

I have a foreboding.....

that feeling seems to be strong when the president carried the duralunim case.

Well, having said that, I have no choice but to accept, right?

The director added a few words from the side too.

「My share is also included.

By the way, the president and my share's ratio is a secret.」

Is that so, oh, well.

All day long of that day, I was working while occasionally looking at the duralumin case.

The duralunim case was troubling, I couldn't feel relax at all, but I somehow managed to finish that day's work, and when I got back to the house, I became completely exhausted.

「I'm home.」

「「Welcome home!」」

Since Elena and Hilda greeted me, my fatigue vanished in an instant.

Well, should we try to check its content~?

I was scared and didn't check it inside the company.

「There will be lot of bills inside, right?」

「Yeah.....」

Inside the duralumin case were bundles of 100 million yen bill, and there were 100 bundles.....

an unpleasant sweat trickled down my forehead.

what to do about this.....

When I look closely, only one of the 100 bundle had a currency band of a different bank.

I see, it's 99 to 1, huh.....

I quietly put it away into the inventory.

When I drank the coffee that Elena made to calm my mind—

I got a phone call from Aya.

『Hello, onii-chan?』

『What happened, Aya? Have you found Yurie-san?』

『No, I haven't.

She didn't go to the school, even when I asked her acquaintances, nobody knows.....

So, I will go to Yurie-san's house with Captain after this.』

『I see, if anything happens, call me at once.

Since I will go immediately if my help is necessary.』

『Un, understood, I'll call you later again.』

「They haven't found Yurie-san yet?」

「Yeah, just what on earth has happened~?」

After a while, I got a call from Aya again.

『What is it, Aya?』

『We arrived at Yurie-san's mansion right now....

it looks strange after all.

Come here, onii-chan.』

『I understand, I will go at once.』

「Elena, Hilda, since I will go to Yurie-san's house, please take care of the

house.」

「Yes, I understand.」

Both Elena and Hilda looked worried.

「Sorry to have kept you waiting.」

「You're slow, onii-chan.」

It's not even one minute passed after I hung up the phone, you know?

Let's leave it at that.

「Is this Yurie-san's mansion?」

「Yes, no doubt.」

It definitely looked strange.

First, the continuous sound of running water can be heard.

The water tap has probably been left open.

Next, the electricity meter installed on the door is spinning round and round.

The electricity has probably been left turned on.

Nevertheless, even if I ring the doorbell, or hit the door, there's no reaction at all.

「Hey, it looked strange, right?」

「Yes, that's right.」

「Onii-san, can't you enter the room using warp?」

「I can only go to places I've been to.」

「But you used warp to come here, right?」

「That's because of the beacon attached to Aya, I moved here using it as a

landmark.」

「I see.....」

Pikon!

「I've came up with a good idea.」

「What is it?」

I took out a wire from the inventory.

「Ah, I understand, we're going to open the lock with that.」

「That's not it, Aya. Watch carefully.」

I installed a【tracking beacon】on the tip of the wire, and inserted the wire from the door's mailbox.

Then, I displayed the【tracking beacon】's video so that Aya and Mai-san can see it.

「Oh, the inside can be seen.」

「This is amazing, it's totally like endoscope.」

Just like that, I controlled the wire using【Earth magic】and kept moving toward the inner part.

When it went through the mailbox's small window toward the inner part, the hallway was visible.

「The electricity of the hallway has been left turned on.」

It's not normal after all.

When it advance further, there's a toilet and a bathroom on the right.

I controlled the wire and tried to open the bathroom's door, but Yurie-san wasn't inside.

Oi, Aya, why are you looking at me with such eyes!?

Isn't it serious if she collapsed inside?

Next, I surveyed the bathroom,
the hot water had been left as it was, and it continued to overflow from the bathtub.

「Onii-chan, can't you turn the faucet off?」

「Let's leave such a thing for later.」

When it went out of the bathroom and down the hallway, there was a kitchen.

In the kitchen, there was a large cake that was left unfinished.

Something may have happened to her in the middle of making this cake.

When it went out of the kitchen and proceeded toward the inner part, there was the living room.

In the living room, the meals to greet Mai-san were lined up on the entire table.

However, the meals...had all cooled down.

「Just like the Mary•Celeste case.....」

In the living room, there was another door, and that way, there was a bedroom.

There were two pillows set up on the bed.....

I wanted to strongly tsukkomi,

but Yurie-san's figure was nowhere to be found.

「No good, it seems Yurie-san isn't here.

It's also better to contact the police.」

「Yeah.」

I'll retrieve the wire for now.

「Ah, onii-chan, wait a moment!」

Aya suddenly called out while I was retrieving the wire.

「What's wrong?」

「Look, here.」

Aya pointed at a place in the tracking beacon's video.

The retrieval of the wire was almost over.

And, only the front door was being displayed.

What Aya was pointing at.....

was the door-chain.

「What's wrong with the door-chain?」

「I mean, although the door-chain is fastened, there's no people inside, isn't it strange?」

That's for sure, you can't get out of the door if the door-chain is fastened.

The door-chain isn't fastened from the outside.

Strange, if I think about it in common sense, Yurie-san should still be inside.

What on earth has happened?

I finished retrieving the wire,

and Mai-san called the telephone line for the police report.

Chapter 227: The ossan who clings to Elena

「Haa~, tired~.」

「Seiji-sama, Aya-san, welcome home.」

We finally got home late at night.

In the end, Yurie-san wasn't in her house.

However, the police officers who rushed seemed to understand enough how strange it is, and carried out a thorough investigation.

We were asked about the situation too, thus we returned home late.

At any rate, it was a perfect behind-closed-door situation.

The police investigated Yurie-san's house in a frenzy.....

However, such a huge quantity of toys and DVD's had been discovered, the people of the police had an indescribable expression on their faces.

Will a DNA analysis be performed from such body fluids stuck on the toys?

Hilda did her best to wait for us, but she seemed to have gone to bed first since it had become too late.

Thus, the three of us had a late dinner.

「Now, Aya, Elena.

What do you think about this situation?」

「I wonder if someone might have abducted her using magic?」

「Elena, there isn't anybody in Japan who can use magic other than us.」

「That's right.....」

「Oh, I-, I got it!」

「Aya, what have you got?」

「The culprit is amongst us!!」

Aya points at me while saying so.

「.....

Well, explain it since I'm listening.」

「Elena said『someone kidnapped her with magic』, then, oniichan said『there isn't anyone who can use magic in Japan other than us』, and, oniichan can use【teleport】magic.....

the answer which can be deducted from these.....

the culprit is oniichan!!」

Poka!

「Why did you hit me!?!」

「Because we are having serious talk, don't joke around.」

「I'm not joking.」

You're not joking, huh.

You're too vicious.....

You're tired, Aya.

You're worrying too much about Yurie-san, and your anxiety has piled up.....

that's why you bring up such a stupid thing.

It must be so.

「I thought it was a great reasoning~.」

I've piled up fatigue as well.

「Let's throw Aya's idea away.」

「What'd you say!?!」

「I have an idea.」

「Really!?!」

「I know another person who can move someone using magic other than me.」

「Is there such a guy?」

「That's.....」

It's the fellow who summoned me into the Delaidos Kingdom.」

「Aa!」

That reminds me, Elena had also been hurt when I was summoned.

「Elena, do you know about the magician who summoned me?」

「No, otou-sama didn't tell me about its specifics.」

「Umu, although it's late at night, would you like to go to the King's place?」

「We're going to go now?」

「We can come back once it passed midnight, the earlier the better.」

Elena and I, the two of us went to the other world.

Since Hilda was sleeping, Aya had to take care of her.

「It's pitch black.」

There was no light in the audience room, it was pitch-black.

「It's already late, I think that everyone is already sleeping.」

「Elena, do you know that King's bedroom?」

「Yes, it's this way.」

We headed to the King's bedroom while illuminating the surroundings using【Incandescent light bulb】.

There were a lot of patrolling soldiers on the way, but I put them asleep using【Sleep】magic and advanced steadily.

「It's here.」

I put the soldiers who were standing guard and crept into the King's bedroom.

「Otou-sama is fast asleep.」

「Let's wake him up using magic.」

Actually, I learned several types of magic that seemed usable when I acquired【Light magic】.

One of them was【Wake-up】.

It was a magic that wakes a sleeping person up.

「【Wake-up】!」

「.....N? What is it? Is someone there?」

When I used the magic, the King woke up immediately.

「Otou-sama, it's been a long time.」

「E-, Elena! Am I having a dream!?!」

The King embraced Elena.

「O-, Otou-sama!」

「King, should I have you flirt with your daughter there?」

「Y-, You are-! Seiji!

You bastard, did you come here to assassinate me!?!」

「You're wrong as always.

I came here because something urgent has come up.」

「At this time of the night, what is it?」

「Don't hide anything from me, did you summon a hero?」

「I can't possibly do such a thing.

It may have summoned a person like you, I've already had enough of such dangerous thing.」

You've said something cruel.

「Then, where's the magician who summoned me right now?」

「N?

.....are you talking about『Val Neil』?」

That fellow is called『Val Neil』, huh.

「Didn't you kidnap that fellow?」

「Why it become so?」

「Because when you kidnapped Elena, Val Neil disappeared as well, so I certainly thought that you kidnapped him.」

「If you thought so, you should've asked when we met.」

「I've done the hero summoning because I've been taken in by that fellow's glib talk, and the situation became as such.

I haven't particularly done it to seek for honor and the like.」

What a cold-hearted fellow.

「I don't have any business with you if you don't know that fellow's whereabouts.

Elena, since it will be past midnight soon, let's go home.」

「Yes.」

「W-, Wait.

Elena, are you going?」

「Yes, I want to learn more at Seiji-sama's place.

Ah, otou-sama.

Will you do me a favor?」

「What is it? Anything for you, Elena.」

This guy is sweet towards Elena.

Well, I am too.

「My friend has disappeared in the form similar to the hero summoning.

Val Neil-san might know something.

Can you look for Val Neil-san with your power, Otou-sama?」

「I see, I understand. I'm going to search for him.」

「Thank you.」

「Well, then, let's go home.」

「Yes.」

「E-, Elena~.」

When we tried to go home, the King clings to Elena, not willing to part.

「Oi, get away.」

「No way!」

「O-, Otou-sama.」

Although I understand his feelings, it's gross.

「【Sleep】!」

Using【sleep】magic,

I put the King asleep again and went back to Japan.

Chapter 228: Brother and sister in the forest

A thorough forensic investigation has been carried out, but there doesn't seem to be any progress with the police's investigation.

The president's eldest son have completely recovered, not only both his hands, but also both of his feet as of Friday morning, but I digress.

I was treated to lunch every day by the president and the director.

Friday evening.

Mai-san came to the house, and I explained the possibility of Yurie-san being summoned.

「Then, Yurie-kun might be in the other world?」

「If she isn't found even if that much police is looking for her, then that's the only thing we can think of.」

「I see.....

So are we going to the other world right now to look for Yurie-kun?」

「Yeah, that's the plan.

Are you going to come, Mai-san?」

「Of course, I will come!」

The talk had been settled,

although it was earlier than usual, we decided to depart on Friday.

「King, we've come.」

「S-, Seiji!

Don't appear so suddenly!

Moreover, there's a lot of people this time.」

「Well, let's leave out the introduction, have you found the whereabouts of that magician?」

「Y-, Yeah.

Long ago, he seems to have been sighted in Nippo town.

Ask Rondo for the full details.」

「Nippo, huh. Well then, see you later.」

「You're going already?

At least, leave Elena behind...」

「See you!」

Interrupting the King's talk, we went to Nippo town.

「Yo! It has been a long time, Rondo.」

「Seiji, Elena-sama,

and...A-, Aya-san!」

Rondo, why are you being embarrassed.....

「Aya-san.

Since I will have the dinner prepare right now, please eat.」

「Rondo.....

rather than such a thing, the magician at the King's place seems to have been sighted in this town, I'd like to hear it.」

「Oh, that thing.」

At Rondo's instruction, a timid looking soldier came.

「Talk about that magician.」

「Yes, understood.」

According to the soldier's story.....

- Almost two months ago, he happened to see that magician going out of Nippo town.

- He left the town and headed north.

- He didn't come back to the town since then.

These were everything I could learn.

When he went to the Royal Capital along with Rondo, he seemed to have seen a magician who was with the king at that place and remembered his face.

Speaking of two months ago, it was exactly the time when I was competing in the fighting competition in Nippo town.

Was he perhaps watching the fighting competition back then?

He hasn't come back from Nippo town toward the north.

When I think about it normally, there's a high possibility that a person who hasn't returned has been attacked by monsters, but.....

If we assume that it involves Yurie-san's case, he should be in good health somewhere.

Is there something northwards of the town?

「I will try to search the north for now.

Everyone, wait for me here.」

「I will also come together with you.」

「Mai-san, I'm sorry, but—

I can't take you with me since I'm going to search using magic.

Since I will inform you once I find something, please wait with everyone.」

「I see.....

Understood.....」

「With that decided, Aya-san, let's have a dinner together.....」

Rondo has suddenly become spirited, he's trying to take Aya's hand and escort her.

He's not a bad guy, but.....

I feel somewhat irritated.

The sun set, and inside the pitch-black forest, I was running through it using【Lightning flash】.

Recently, I think that I'm often running about inside the forest by myself.....

I was running around for three hours, but I only encountered goblins, orcs, and normal monsters.

I've already come considerably northward.

As expected, I magician can't come deep into the forest by himself—

let's expand the search's range a little bit more to the east and west.

About three more hours has passed, and it's completely dead at night.

After I finished searching to the western side, I've begun to search the eastern side this time.

Finally, there was a reaction of a devil-kin!

Apparently, it seemed to be battling something.

I approached hoping to not get noticed.

One devil-kin was fighting a pair of a man and woman.

The woman is injured and the man is fighting while protecting her.

Due to that, it has become the man just keeps on fighting defensively, it's a pretty bad situation.

And, these man and woman were people I know.

I used【teleportation】toward the back of the devil-kin and made him faint with【electric shock】.

「Wha-!?!」

That man was surprised at the sudden turn of events.

「It's been a while,『Gadol』, and『Halva』.」

「!?!」

Y-, You are.....『Seiji』!」

The man and woman who were fighting against the devil-kin were the dragon-kin siblings, 『Gadol』, and『Halva』.

There might be someone who forgot,

but these two people were players who fought against me and Aya in the fighting competition.

「Seiji, why are you here!?!」

「I'm looking for someone,

likewise, why are you fighting against a devil-kin?」

「When we were camping out in the middle of hunting, Halva was attacked from behind when it was her turn to stand guard.」

「Come to think of it, is your injury alright, Halva?」

「I-, It's fine.」

Halva says so, but she doesn't seem very good.

She's probably poisoned from the cut toward her back.

Since I made【Curse dispelling potions】and【Wound healing potions】in a somewhat larger quantity than usual while I was making elixir, I had her drink one each, and Halva's wounds and complexion slowly recovered.

「Sorry to trouble you.」 「Thanks.」

「Well, it's fine, we have gotten rid of a devil-kin while we're at it.

Other than that, are you going to Nippo town?」

「No, we are going back to the dragon-kin's village rather than the Nippo town.」

「Dragon-kin's village? Is it near here?」

「I'm sorry, but the location can't be told.」

It's what they call hidden village, huh.

「Oops, I almost forgot.

I happened to have another task, Gadol.」

「N? What is it?」

「I've kept the spear you entrusted me before.

I have to return it.」

「That spear.....

However, that spear was cursed, you didn't dispose of it?」

「I still have it.

and it's possible to remove its curse since I have a【curse dispelling potion】.
What will you do?』

「【Curse dispelling potion】.....

is it expensive?」

「Well, in its own way.」

It's a lie.

To be frank, since a lot was made with my skill up, there's a lot of excess~.

「To be honest, that spear is an important thing which has been passed down from generation to generation in our village.

Although I can't pay the price immediately, I want to remove the curse if possible.」

「I see, well then, right away.」

I immediately took out that spear, the【devil-kin's spear】with *boron*.

And then, I sprinkled the【curse dispelling potion】on the【devil-kin's spear】.

Jutsu!

A black-smoke-like something rose from the spear, toward the sky, and then vanished.

I tried to use【Appraisal】on the spear.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Dragon-kin's spear】

| Raises the status,

| and calm the spirit of the wielder,

| and if the wielder is a dragon-kin, the effect will rise even more.`

| Rarity: ★★★★★

└──────────

The【Devil-kin's spear】had changed into【Dragon-kin's spear】.

「I've removed the curse.」

「Sorry for the trouble, and thanks.」

「Thank you very much.」

「I want to thank you for the spear, would you like to come to our village?」

「Isn't the location of the village a secret?」

「It's a dangerous place to promote,

furthermore, if it's the benefactor who removed the curse of the spear, the village people will also probably understand.」

I'm in the middle of searching a person, but.....

it's better to tell the dragon-kin about the devil-kin as well, let's try to go for a bit.

「By the way, what are we going to do about this devil-kin?」

「Kill it.」

Gadol thrust his spear toward the devil-kin's heart without hesitation.

Merciless.....

Chapter 229: Dragon-kin's village

When I followed Gadol duo, there was a precipitous cliff.

「We're going to climb up here.

Since it will be impossible for humans, I'll go get someone to help.」

As he says so, Gadol duo climbs up the cliff.

A normal person may not be able to climb it.

Well, I'll still climb up.

「Fa!?

How can you climb up!? Were you a dragon-kin?」

「Well, it's fine, isn't it? It will also be troublesome to specially bring someone along to help.」

「Y-, Yeah.....」

When we climbed up the cliff, there was a village.

「Rae『Gadol』, hiyukicchini.

!?

esuwahayutehidaroda!」

The soldiers who were guarding the entrance of the town were speaking in a language I don't understand.

When I used【Language acquisition】—

it showed【Dragon-kin's language】.

Since it showed that the【Dragon-kin's language】was characterless, I acquired level 3【Dragon-kin's language】.

『To bring a non-dragon-kin along in this village is a taboo, you should know that as well!』

『This person is someone who saved my sister and I from a devil-kin.

Moreover, he removed the curse of the【Dragon-kin's spear】which is the treasure of this village and returned it.』

When Gadol said so, he showed the【Dragon-kin's spear】to the soldiers.

『This is certainly the【Dragon-kin's spear】.

I heard that it was cursed and disposed of.....

Wait a moment, I will bring Elder-sama.』

It has somewhat become a serious matter, huh~.

I'd like to go to bed quickly since I'm sleepy~.

After a while, an ojii-san came out.

This person is probably the Elder-sama.

『Welcome to our village, human.』

Elder-sama spoke in【Dragon-kin language】.

He probably plans to have Gadol as an interpreter.

There may be not too much people who can speak the human language--the【Delaidos Common Language】--in this village other than Gadol and Halva.

I answer in【Dragon-kin's language】since it's troublesome to have someone as an interpreter.

『I'm sorry to bother you at this late hour.』

『Seiji! You can speak【Dragon-kin's language】?』

『Yeah.』

『I see, is it using a【magic stone】?

I've heard that there's such a magic stone.』

『It's sort of like that...I think?』

The soldiers and Elder-sama's attitude softened as soon as they found out that I could speak【Dragon-kin's language】.

It's important to converse in a language we both can speak after all~.

I was invited into Elder-sama's house.

The inside of the village was dotted with houses built with woods, and it should be noted that their elevation differed.

It's necessary to climb up cliffs to move through the village.

That's why jump power is trained if one was to live in a village like this.

Gadol, Halva, Elder-sama, and I

climbed up cliffs with *pyon pyon* under the moonlight.

「Seiji-dono, although you're a human, you're as agile as a dragon-kin.」

Although Elder-sama is reasonably past his prime too, he climbs up cliffs with agility.

Elder-sama's house was located in the highest place in the village.

「Have some tea.」

Elder-sama's grandchild served a tea.

Bitter.....

it tastes like a dokudami cha^[1].

「They said that you removed the curse of the dragon-kin's spear, I don't know how to thank you.

It's an empty place, but please be at ease.」

「Well,

since it's late at night, I will go back home once I finish my errand.」

「What's your errand?」

「I'm searching for someone.

I'm looking for a magician-like human who went from Nippo town toward the north about two months ago.

Can I ask if there's someone who have seen such a person in the dragon-kin?」

「I see, looking for someone, huh.

I will ask the village people once the morning comes.」

「Thank you.

Then, I will go back for now, and come back again tomorrow around noon.」

I went back to Nippo town immediately after I finished drinking the dokudami cha.

When I came back to the Nippo town,

I noticed immediately, where should I stay?

Aya and the others were sleeping in Rondo's mansion's guestroom.

Aya and Mai-san, and Elena and Hilda had a room each for two people.

Should I sleep in whichever room?

However, which room should I choose?

Aya and Mai-san's room.....

although it seems Mai-san will not be angry, Aya will probably be.

Elena and Hilda's room.....

although both of them will not be angry, but Aya will probably be.

Whichever is the same!

I stealthily crept into Elena and Hilda's room.

Guhehe, they're sleeping soundly.

I will force the two people.....

Well, I didn't do anything though.....

I wrapped myself up in a sleeping bag at the corner of the room and fell asleep.

The next morning.

When I woke up, Hilda had a tsun-tsun expression.

「Seiji-onii-chan, good morning.

Why did you sleep in such a place?」

「Morning.

When I came back late at night, I noticed that there was no room where I could sleep.」

「Hou, is that the only thing you'd like to say?」

I sensed an alarming presence which stood behind Hilda.

I couldn't properly put up a guard since I was still inside the sleeping bag.....

I got kicked by Aya in the face.

How cruel!

I was just sleeping quietly inside the room!

[1] Dokudami (*Houttuynia cordata*) is one of the most highly regarded Japanese traditional herbal remedies, and Dokudami Cha (tea), made from its leaves, is consumed as general detox for ridding the body from ailments and harmful bacteria. -Wawaza.com

Chapter 230: Terror of the new religion

While having Elena gently heal my face that has gotten kicked by Aya—
I told everyone about Gadol and Halva.

「Then, onii-chan,

does that mean that the devil-kin is also targeting the dragon-kin?」

「Umu, since one can't distinguish between a human and a dragon-kin by simply looking, it might have been mistaken.」

「Assuming it is so, what is being targeted doesn't change, right?」

「Un, that's right.

Since I'm going to hear from them at noon, I'll be careful then.」

「I want to go too!」

「Since the dragon-kin's village's location seems to be a secret, I can't take another person without permission.

I'll try to ask them when I got there at noon.」

「It's absolute, okay!」

Does Aya mistake it for an attraction or something?

「Seiji-sama, aren't you going to pick up the staff?」

「Staff? Ah, the staff we asked to make as a present to Butte-sama.」

We went to Rondo to inform him that we were going to depart.

「You're going already?」

「Yeah, we're busy with various things.」

「I-, I see.....」

But Rondo is only looking at Aya's direction.

Whatever.~

「Aya-san, farewell for now.」

When Rondo said so, he kissed the back of Aya's hand.

「What are you doing!?!」

Bachin!!

That fellow, Aya, hit Rondo!

the beaten Rondo had his eyes turned into dots.

「Aya, why did you hit him!?!」

「Because, onii-chan, this fellow suddenly kissed me!」

「It's probably just a greeting.」

「Even if it's a greeting, unpleasant things are unpleasant!」

「Sorry, Rondo.

In our country, there isn't a custom of kissing the back of the hand.

Please forgive my stupid imouto.」

「Why are you apologizing, onii-chan!」

「I see, our customs are different, huh.....

I'm sorry for that.」

Rondo is a good guy, huh.

That may be true but it's still too early for Aya!

We left Rondo's place and went to the Suga's weapon shop.

「Hello~」

「Oh, so it's you.

The staff is ready.」

The completed staff was quite a result.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Staff of recovery +5】

| When using Recovery magic,

| MP usage is reduced by half, the effect is doubled, | and the higher the magic level, the greater the effect.

| Rarity: ★★★★★

└──────────┘

「How is it? Is the result good?

It became the best masterpiece among the things I've made thus far.」

「Yes, the result is good.」

Elena who received the staff is also entranced.

After paying the price,

we headed toward Ebisu town.

「If it isn't Princess Elena. Welcome.」

We were greeted by Butte-sama upon entering the assembly hall.

「The town's reconstruction seems to be advancing considerably.」

「It's thanks to the Divine Protection of Princess Elena.」

Although it's the『Divine Protection of the Recovery spirit』, it has been referred to as『Divine Protection of Princess Elena』.

While having such a talk—

「Oh, Princess Elena!」

A child exclaimed so.

「It's true! It's Princess Elena!!」

Somehow...the townspeople.....

are gathering one after another.....

「「Princess Elena!!」」

The gathered townspeople began to worship Elena.

What's this.....?

The worshiped Elena is also puzzled.

It's a totally godlike treatment.

The『Elena religion』has permeated as far as here.....

「Elena, I think you should use the『Divine protection of the recovery spirit』again?」

「Y-, yes, I'll give it a try.」

Elena raised the【Staff of Aesculapius】and converged magic power.

The townspeople stare at Elena with fascinated eyes.

The next moment, the【Staff of Aesculapius】shone, and spread through out the whole town.

The townspeople were blown away by the magnificent spectacle in front of their eyes. They were struck dumb.....

and immediately prostrated themselves one after another.

They began to worship Elena with a more terrible might than a little while ago.

「S-, Seiji-sama, what should we do.....」

「It can't be helped, quickly hand over the staff and let's go back.」

「U-, Understood.」

Elena receives the【Staff of recovery +5】from me, and steps forward in front of Butte-sama.

「Butte-sama, please use this staff in exchange for the【Staff of Aesculapius】.」

「T-, This is?」

「The magic stone part was made by Seiji-sama and me.」

「A staff made by Princess Elena!?」

Butte-sama involuntarily exclaimed so, and the surrounding people began to get noisy.

「「Elena-sama!?」」

「「Elena-sama's staff!?」」

Everyone, the staff is called【Staff of recovery +5】, you know~.

It's not【Elena-sama's staff】, okay~.

It's useless, it has already become 【Elena-sama's staff】.....

Under the attentive looks of the people, Elena handed the【Elena-sama's staff】(Official name:【Staff of recovery +5】) over to Butte-sama.

Butte-sama raised high the staff that she received from Elena.

「「Uo---!!」」

Immediately, a tremendous cheer broke out from the people, and the assembly hall violently shook.

「What should we do, Seiji-sama?」

Towards the excessive excited condition, Elena's eyes has become slightly teary.

「It can't be helped, let's escape everyone!」

I gathered everyone, had Elena produced a fog, and disappeared.

We escaped from the place using【Teleportation】just like that.

Elena's religion is scary.

Chapter 231: The Devil-kin countermeasure meeting

We escaped from the believers of the Elena religion, and went to Lela's place.

「Yo! Lela, how's it going?」

「S-, Seiji! You've come.」

Since Lela held out her hand, I shook her hand normally.

However, no matter how much time passes, Lela isn't releasing my hand that she grasped.

What does she want?

Then—

Pashi!

Aya chopped my hand from the side!

With that momentum, the hand which was shaking hands with Lela came off.

「What did you do that for, Aya!?」

「Nothing in particular!!」

Chopping your brother's hand without any particular reason, huh!?

I don't get what the heck is that supposed to mean!

For some reason, Aya and Lela are glaring at each other.

Why are these two people at daggers drawn?

Is it because I've been chopped?

「First of all, Lela, have you got any new information about the devil-kin?」

「I haven't got any new information in particular.

Since every town strengthened their vigilance, they can't attack readily.」

「I see, that's good.」

「And, something good has been completed.」

The thing that Lela showed proudly was something like a wooden cup.

「Ah, the twin-magic-stone-style string phone!」

「T-, That's right...why did you speak ahead.

Even though I was going to surprise.....」

I knew of it since I was also there in the actual creation site.

「Where is it going to be distributed?」

「It has been decided that the feudal lord of each town will have one each.」

That's good, the communication between each towns will be simplified with this.

It may also be possible to start a telegram service before long.

「It will be noon soon, are you going to have lunch?

I'll have it ready.」

「I have a slightly minor errand.

Please treat Aya and the others to lunch.」

「N!?

Are you perhaps going to a place of another woman?」

「Well, the destination has a woman as well.....」

Huh?

Why are you trying to bite off your handkerchief, Lela?

「Well then, please take care of the rest.」

I sensed danger which I didn't understand well so I teleported to the dragon-kin's village to escape.

「You're the human who the Elder-sama was talking about, huh.」

The gatekeeper stared at me scrutinizingly.

I don't have such a hobby.

「Well good, you may pass.

Don't cause any trouble in the village.」

「Y-, Yes.」

Having managed to get in into the village, I rushed toward Elder-sama's place.

「Hello.」

「You came.」

Gadol greeted me.

Then, upon entering Elder-sama's house—

there was a crowd of men gathered and everyone glared at me simultaneously.

「H-, Hello.」

It's somewhat an awfully away feeling.

「I'm sorry, but I have something necessary to discuss with everyone fast.

Can you wait a little?」

「Is something wrong?」

「Actually, the people who had gone out to hunt beside Gadol, Halva, and some people, were attacked by the devil-kin, you see.」

Elder-sama said so calmly,
but the surrounding men were feverish as if they were going to start a yakuza dispute.

「Please wait a moment,
can you tell me about it?」

「But this is a dragon-kin's problem.

It has nothing to do with you, has it?」

「Humans and demon-kind have also been attacked by the devil-kin.

And I also happened to be present in both actual place.

Would you like to exchange information?」

「What!?

So it's not just us who have been attacked!」

Perhaps they have mistaken you for humans and attacked, but.....

I won't say that.

When I put their stories together—

- Those who had gone out to hunt had been attacked in their sleep.
- Several people who were injured managed to arrive at the village after a struggle.
- There's a lot of people who has gotten missing.
- Those who suffered injuries have no chance to survive because of the poison.

「Wait a moment!

Since I have several【Poison healing potion】here, please use them to treat those people.」

「Really!?

That saved us!」

I handed out about 10【Poison healing potion】.

「Is this enough?

Because I will make them here at this place if it's not enough.」

「It's alright, thanks.」

After receiving the【Poison healing potions】, Elder-sama's grandchild went to deliver them toward the injured people in a hurry.

「Seiji-dono, we kept being indebted to you.」

「No, it's nothing.」

They said that the good you do for others is a good you do for yourself.

It's particularly not because Elder-sama's grandchild is cute, okay?

The information I provided was the devil-kin uses varieties of magic stones, and discussed about the possibility of the village being attacked by monsters controlled by the devil-kin.

The village was located on top of a cliff so if normal monsters were to attack, they wouldn't be able to come, but if the devil-kin were to use bird-like monsters that fly into the sky, they would not be restricted.

The village people had decided to prepare『bows』and the like in preparation for that kind of monster.

It was then when the devil-kin countermeasure meeting was about to end.

Leaning on the shoulder of another, one of the injured people went inside Elder-sama's house with desperate look.

「T-, There's something I have to report!」

「You've woken up!

But, you went here to report in spite of your injury!？」

「Yes!

A large number of devil-kin which appeared from the『Pine cave』has been sighted.」

「『Pine cave』!？」

Err, the devil-kin appeared from such a small cave?

How many?」

「There were at least 100 or more.」

「Stupid!

It's impossible for such a small cave to contain so much.」

「No, we certainly saw it.」

When he reported up to there—

that injured person fainted.

「Treat him quickly!」

He was urgently transported by the men who were at that place.

「Umu, is there something in that cave??」

Everyone has been lost in thought.

「Excuse me, but what is the『Pine cave』?」

「It's a cave which was opened from a large rock that stood alone in the forest, and the people who had gone out to hunt sometimes used it for camping.

The inside of the cave is only wide enough for about 10 people to enter.」

「Perhaps there's a hidden passage?」

「It has been frequently used since long ago, there's nothing there other than a strange stone statue.」

Strange stone statue, huh~.

It's suspicious.....

「Where is it located?」

「Gadol, tell me its location.」

「Yes.」

Led by Gadol, I went out of Elder-sama's house.

「The large rock which can be seen over there is the『Pine cave』.」

It could be seen from the front of Elder-sama's house!

In the direction which Gadol was pointing at, a large rock was visible.

Huh?

That area was the place where I should have searched around yesterday.

If there was a hidden passage, or a hidden room, and the devil-kins were there—

I should have been able to confirm it in the map.

Why was there no reaction in the map?

Chapter 232: The Devil-kin's attack

Where on earth is the devil-kin horde who suddenly appeared heading?

「Gadol, I'm going to follow the route of the devil-kin, inform Elder-sama.」

「I see, understood.」

I jumped down the cliff in front of Elder-sama's house, landed in the forest, and started running toward the cave where the devil-kin appeared.

I ran for a while and arrived at the large rock they told me, but—

along the way, there wasn't any reaction of the devil-kin.....

I didn't bump with the devil-kin which means—

the devil-kins weren't heading toward the dragon-kin's village but to another direction.

If that's the case, then—

the direction where the devil-kin are heading—

is highly likely the Nippo town!

I started running toward the Nippo town using【Lightning flash】.

「Found them!」

While running at the place for a while, I caught sight of the devil-kin horde's back.

I slow down and see how the land lies.

Umu, there aren't more than 100.

There are at least 1000.

There were some people who seem to be human slaves.

Moreover, they weren't collected in one place, but arranged separately at various places.....

I can't easily start a fight since they may be held hostage.

This may be bad.

Using【Transparencification】magic, I approached the devil-kin.

The【Transparencification】magic is a magic I learned in【Light magic】.

It can only be used in daytime, and prevents me from being discovered by enemies.

It's a magic that seems to be the daytime version of【Night shade】magic.

However, this magic has a defect.

It can only make the body invisible, but can't conceal the sound.

Therefore, it's necessary to approach slowly.

Somehow, exactly at the moment when I tried to approach one of the hostages in the group of the devil-kin and was going to save him-the twin magic stone in my breast pocket intensely vibrated with *ban ban*.

What the heck is it!?

Dangerous, the sound is audible.

「N? What's that sound?」

It has been noticed!

The same trick can never be used again once it has been revealed.

It can't be helped, let's come again next time.

I gave up rescuing the hostage in front of me, and teleported out using【Teleportation】.

「Lela, what is it!?

I found a horde of devil-kin and was going to rescue a hostage!

If it's something nonsense, I will get angry, okay?」

「I-, I-, I-, It's very serious!」

「What are you panicking like that for? Explain it properly.」

「Hordes of monsters are surging towards Ikebu town and Shinju town!」

「W-, What did you say!?!」

Shinju town and Ikebu town are being attacked at the same time!?

The horde of devil-kin whom I found is aiming at the Nippo town.....

in other words, Shinju, Ikebu, and Nippo are being attacked at the same time!!?

No...by any chance...the other towns as well.....

「Lela, are the other towns alright?」

「I-, I don't know.....

I got the message from the magic stone dealer in Ikebu.

I asked otou-sama, but the Royal Capital doesn't seem to be under attack.」

Even though the Royal Capital is alright, we can't contact the other towns, so there's a possibility that they are under attack at the same time!

「I'll leave this town to you, Lela.

I'm going to visit the other towns.」

「S-, Seiji, don't go.....」

「Lela! Pull yourself together!

You're the hero who defended Ikebu town!

What would feeling frightened gonna do.」

「B-, But.....」

「When it becomes dangerous, I will come to help.

Defend this town until then.」

「I-, I understand.....」

I-, I'll protect it!」

「Alright, let's go everyone!」

「Seiji-sama, please wait a moment.」

When I was about to use【Teleportation】, Elena stopped me.

「Elena, what is it?」

「I will put【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】on this town.」

「I see.....

But no, if the enemy invades, won't it affect the enemy as well?」

「It's fine, I heard from Spirit-sama that it can distinguish between friend and foe to show its effect.」

「Really!?

Then it's fine.

Do it.」

「Yes.」

Elena raised the【Staff of Aesculapius】and cast the【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】on the entire town.

Shinju town is larger than Ebisu town.

Amazing.....

「Elena-sama, this magic is?」

「It's a magic that gradually restores strength, magic power, and wounds.

Lela-san, please do your best.」

「Yes, Elena-sama.」

Elena and Lela firmly shook hands, and Lela rushed out of the room to defend the town.

We teleported toward Ikebu town.

Outside of the town, the battle of the adventurers and monsters had started.

「How is the situation?」

I asked the adventurer who seemed to be taking a break about the progress of the battle.

「It's too late even if you come now because the preys had considerably been disposed of!」

The adventurer said so and laughed.

The situation of the battle seems to be favorable somehow or another.

「It seems to be all right here, let's come and look at it again later.」

「Seiji-sama, I'm going to set up a【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】here.」

「I see, it's better to put it up just in case, huh.」

Elena put up a【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】on Ikebu town.

The adventurers were puzzled, but they noticed that their strength was starting to recover, and their energy to defeat the monsters had increased.

However, using the magic, Elena staggers a little.

「Elena, are you alright?」

When I check Elena's MP—

Uwa!

Elena's MP has decreased too much!

Elena's MP has decreased as many as 6000!

The【Divine protection of the Recovery spirit】consumes about 3000 MP per use, huh!

Currently, Elena's maximum MP is 7000, but still, she can only use it twice.

「Elena, eat these Japanese sweets!」

「Yes, thank you.」

「Elena don't force yourself too much.」

「No, I have to give my best precisely at a time like this!」

Since she ate Japanese sweets, Elena's Mp was recovering steadily.

「Alright! Next is Nippo town.」

For the time being, I attached a【tracking beacon】to the adventurer whom I speak with a while ago to check up on Ikebu town—

Then we teleported toward Nippo town.

Chapter 233: Going around towns ①

「Rondo! Something happened, let's talk quickly.」

「What is it!? Is something wrong, Seiji?」

「A horde of monsters whom the devil-kin controls are heading towards this town.

You have to make preparations to intercept fast.」

「What!?!」

Upon arriving at Nippo town, the reaction of a horde of monsters that seemed to be under the control of the devil-kin has appeared on the map.

The monster types are『Great rat』and『Wolf』, but their number is quite large. Someone may die if it isn't handled properly.

「Alright, understood.」

Rondo seemed to have assumed such a situation and quickly began to give instructions to his subordinates.

He was quite an excellent fellow.

「Ah, it's Seiji and Hilda!」

Misha-san spotted us and called out.

She probably came to Rondo's place to prepare for the battle.

「Did you by any chance come here to help with the『devil-kin interception battle』, Seiji?」

The『Devil-kin interception battle』, huh~.

Since when did the battle that will be starting right now has such a name?

「Unfortunately, we only came here to inform you guys about the approaching devil-kin.

We have to go and see the situation of the other towns after this.」

「N? That situation of the other towns??」

「Yes,

the devil-kin's attack isn't only happening in this town, but to other towns as well.」

「It became such a serious matter, huh.」

Misha-san's expression stiffened for an instant, and seeing Hilda's worried face—

「Well, no need to worry since I will finish every devil-kin that comes with water magic!」

she pretended to be tough.

However, the closing in 1000 devil-kin has a scale clearly larger than the one at that time in the demon town..... will it be alright?

When I was worrying, Hilda tugged at my clothes.

「Is something wrong, Hilda?」

「Seiji-onii-chan,

I'd like to remain in this town, and be Misha-san's helper.」

「It's no good! It's dangerous!」

「But.....」

Certainly, Hilda has conspicuously improved her skill in magic.

However.....

「Then onii-chan, I will stay too, and protect Hilda.」

「Aya, you-!?!」

Well, if it's Elena, it will become two rear guards, and if it's Mai-san, it will become two children (appearance wise), there's no choice but to go with the process of elimination, huh.....

「Understood, I'll leave her to you, Aya.」

「Whoopee!」

「But Aya, you are Hilda's bodyguard this time!

Don't charge into the enemy alone, okay?」

「I understand already!!」

I have no choice here but to place my trust in Aya, huh.

「Rondo, Misha-san,

I will leave Aya and Hilda to you guys, I'm counting on you.」

「Aya-san!?!」

What are you getting excited for, Rondo?

「I will protect Aya-san!」

「Well, it's particularly good to be considerate, look after her so that she won't act rashly.」

With Rondo's direction, she will find it difficult to act rashly.....

「Hilda will stay?

Although I'm glad, but is it alright?」

Misha-san is worrying about Hilda, huh.

But Misha-san, Hilda has become considerably strong, you know?

Please don't be surprised, and wet yourself, okay?

That reminds me, I'll have Elena put a divine protection here too.

「Elena, can you use the Divine protection of Recovery spirit soon?」

「Yes, since I've eaten a lot of Japanese sweets, I'm already fine.」

Elena raised the【Staff of Aesculapius】and put up a【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】on Nippo town.

When the light of the【Divine protection of the Recovery spirit】wrapped around the surroundings, Rondo and Misha-san were considerably astonished.

「Elena-sama, what's this magic!?!」

「Elena received the【Staff of Aesculapius】from Butte-sama, and acquired new magic.

It's an amazing magic that recovers strength, magic power, and wounds as long as one is inside the town.」

「A-, Amazing!!」

Rondo looks at Elena as if looking at a god.

「For your sake, Elena-sama, I will protect this town by all means and show it to you.」

Rondo knelt toward Elena.

There's one more additional believer of Elena.

「Well then, I will entrust this town to you guys, Aya, Hilda.」

「Un.」 「Yes.」

We left Aya and Hilda and went to the next town using【Teleportation】.

We came to Cassandra-san's pioneer village.

「How's it going, Cassandra-san?」

「Oh, Seiji, what's the matter?」

Somehow or another, the devil-kin doesn't seem to be approaching toward this village.

「The devil-kin is going to attack the Nippo town.

It seems to be fine here, but please be careful just in case.」

「What!?

Are Rondo and Misha alright?」

「Since I left behind Hilda and my imouto there, they will be able to manage somehow or another.」

「You left behind Hilda!?

Why did you do such a thing!?」

「Rachel-san, Hilda has recently improved her skill.

She will play an active role for sure.」

「I-, Is that so?」

「Well, I will come to help if it becomes dangerous.」

「Umu, that's for sure, okay?

If there's anything happened to Hilda, I will absolutely not forgive you!」

「Understood.

By the way, is the defense of this village alright?」

「As you've said, we made a wall and moat around the village, and have the soldier guards from Nippo town patrol around, they won't be able to get us easily.」

Well, it's probably alright since I can't see any enemy on the map.

I put a tracking beacon on Rachel-san for the time being, and went to the next town.

We went to Suga town, Ebisu town, and Shinaga town—

and I wasn't able to see the enemy anywhere of those.

For the time being, I put a tracking beacon on Butte-sama, and on each entrances of Suga and Shinaga town.

Since the number of tracking beacon had reached the upper limit, I removed the beacons attached on the cursed golden mask, on nose-pierced-stalker man who was still bedridden at the hospital, and on myself and used them here.

But the only one I wasn't able to check up on was『Toki town』.....

It's impossible since I haven't been to Toki town.

I haven't been there since there's no mana crystal, but since the opportunity presented itself, let's go there just in case.

Chapter 234: Going around towns ②

When we finished going around the places I could go, I was pondering about what to do for the time being—

「Hey, onii-san.」

Mai-san tugged at my clothes.

「What is it, Mai-san?」

「Is Ojii-san's place alright?」

「Ojii-san's place?」

Ah, the demon town, huh.」

「Un.」

It doesn't mean that it's already fine since it was attacked once.

We decided to go to the demon town.

「Seiji-dono, it's good that you came.」

Mai-san's worry seemed to have proven right, the demon town was under attack of monsters.

「Bunmi-san, are you alright?」

「These monsters are stronger than the last time, it's shameful to say, but we are having a slightly hard time.」

「What of the Demon Lord, and the Previous Demon Lord?」

「They have already made preparations to fight soon.」

The situation is as such, huh!

「Onii-san, I will stay here.」

「B-, But.....」

「You will come to help if the situation becomes dangerous, right?」

「Mai-san, since I haven't put a tracking beacon on you, I can't sense if you're in danger.」

「Then put a tracking beacon on me, and go.」

「Is it fine?」

「I-, I'll endure it.」

It can't be helped if Mai-san says so.

I-, I'm not particularly thinking of peeping on a little girl as much as I like, okay!!?

I put on a【Tracking beacon】on Mai-san while she closed her eyes to endure the injection.

Since there was no tracking beacon that could be removed anymore, I unwillingly removed Azide-san's beacon.

Sorry, Azide-san.

「Hm? It's already done?」

「The beacon has been installed, you know?」

It didn't feel unpleasant like【Appraisal】?」

「Un, not at all.」

What's that? I thought she will be more embarrassed, but.....

I-, I don't particularly want to see a little girl feeling embarrassed, okay!!?

「Elena, can you use that magic?」

「Please give me a bit more Japanese sweets.」

「Alright.」

I took out the last Japanese sweets from the inventory and had Elena to eat

them.

「Seiji-dono, Elena-san, what are you trying to do by eating that much?」

「We're going set up a magic on the entire town.

Please watch, it's an amazing magic~.」

「Hou.」

Elena prepared to use the staff while having some bean jam smeared around her mouth.

「Here it goes!」

Light starts to pour out from the staff, and wraps up the entire town.

The demon soldiers were a little surprised, but in fact, it was in the monsters' direction that there was a change.

The monsters seem to hate the【Divine protection of Recovery spirit】and aren't going inside.

「Elena, the monsters seem to hate it, but why is that?」

「The Recovery spirit seems to be tickling the monsters who went inside.」

They hate getting tickled, huh!?

If done, it's simply a hateful attack!

Looking at the behaviour of the monsters, the demon soldiers completely became on the offensive.

「Thank you, Elena-san.

It seems we can now repel the monsters with this.」

「You're welcome.」

With her magic power exhausted, Elena seemed to be having a tough time while saying so.

「Bunmi-san, please treat Mai-san well, okay?」

「Since she's the Previous Demon Lord's grandchild, I will protect her even if I have to exchange this body!」

「Mai-san, please don't overwork yourself.」

「Ou!」

As Mai-san said so—

she plunged into the horde of monsters.

.....did you not hear to what I've said?

Now then, let's check up on Lela's situation again.

「How's the situation, Lela?」

「Seiji! So you've come!

But the enemies are weak, and Elena-sama's magic is also effective, it seems to be alright for the time being.」

「Is that so, that's good.

By the way, what of the『Royal capital』's side?

Did you receive a message after that?」

「『Royal capital』?

Ah!

I left the twin-magic-stone magic tool in the mansion.....」

Oi, oi. You're panicking too much, you know?

What will you do if there's a message coming from the Royal Capital?

It has no answering machine function or something like that.

I had Lela to order her subordinate to get it.。

「What? If it's such enemy, otou-sama will be able to handle it with room to spare.」

Lela's image for Lyle Gewalt is a strong father.

Even though Lela is already stronger than him.....

I checked up on each town's situation for the time being.

Elena ate all the Japanese sweets and was trying to recover her magic power while licking a candy.

There seems to be no problem in the towns for now.

When I was feeling relief, Lela's subordinate brought the twin-magic-stone magic tool.

「Sorry for troubling you.」

Lela received it from her subordinate, and made a call with Lyle Gewalt.

「Otou-sama, how's the situation of the Royal Capital?」

.....

There's no response.

「Otou-sama?」

.....

It's no good, there's no response at all.....

What on earth is the matter?

「W-, W-, W-, What to do? There's no response coming from otou-sama!」

「Calm down, Lela.」

It can't be helped, let's try to go and see the situation.

「Elena, let's go and see the situation of the Royal capital.」

「Yes.」

「Seiji, I will rely on you.」

Lela clung onto me with an expression that seemed to be on the verge of crying.

「Leave it to me.

Don't worry, he probably went into the toilet or something.」

At any rate, the devil-kin unexpectedly came out with such a large-scale mobilisation.....

However, where did Yurie-san go.....?

Although I came here to search for Yurie-san, I don't have time for it anymore.

We parted with Lela,

and went directly to the Royal Capital.

Chapter 235: Woman in black

When Elena and I arrived at the Royal Capital.....

the situation is strange.

The town is silent.

When I checked the map, there's one red dot, and one yellow dot, both are moving towards the castle slowly.

「Seiji-sama!」

When I turned towards the direction of Elena's voice, there's a girl lying down on the roadside.

I tried to rush over and see the girl's condition, but—

not only the girl,

I noticed that there were people lying down throughout the whole town.

「What on earth is this!?

What happened??」

The townscape was dyed in twilight, numerous people were lying down on the main street, and none of them was moving.

「Seiji-sama! She's fine.

She's only asleep.」

Asleep!?

By any chance, all of them!!?

Elena wake up the girl using【wake-up】magic.

「.....Hm? Who are you onee-chan?」

The sleeping girl woke up.

「I'm Elena. Why were you sleeping in a place like this?」

「Err.....

if I remember correctly.....

after the black-clothed woman walked along the road, a black-like fog wrapped around the surroundings.....

after that...I can't remember.....」

That black fog probably put everyone to sleep.

However, who on earth could that black-clothed woman be?

Is that woman one of the red and yellow dots indicated on the map?

「Elena, the person who is moving towards the castle is probably the perpetrator.

Let's follow it.」

「Towards the castle!? Otou-sama is in danger!」

We parted from the girl and went towards the castle.

In the castle, the soldiers who were sleeping were lying down everywhere.

「Who are you!」

Upon arriving outside the audience room, the King's voice can be heard from the inside.

When I broke into the door—

there were two women in front of the King.

「Seiji! You came. Help me quickly!

It's dangerous, run away, Elena!」

My intention of helping him vanishes.....

『Hm~? There's still someone left, huh~??』

One of the women looked back while saying so.

Hm?? Wasn't it strange just now?

That woman who looked back is wearing black garments, and a hannya-like mask^[1].

The mask has two grown horns.

I'm not sure whether the two horns are fake attached to the mask or real ones.

The other woman is hiding sneakily behind the hannya woman.

The black-clothed woman is probably the principal offender.

『Hm~? Why does Aya-chan's onii-chan appear in my dream~??』

N!!?

She said『Aya-chan's onii-chan』!!?

I realized the nature of the uncomfortable feeling which I felt a short while ago when I came here.

The language that this woman speaks.....

is Japanese!

That means.....

『Are you Yurie-san?』

『That's right~. I'm Yurie~.

Oh, Elena-chan is here too~.

Happy new year~.』

It's Yurie-san after all!

However, her way of speaking is strange.

She seems to be totally drunk.

『Why a happy new year?

It's June now, you know?』

『Hm? Is that so?

I thought it was certainly new years~.』

As expected, she looks strange.

Is she by any change under control of some magic?

I may understand it if I use【Appraisal】.

When I thought so and used【Appraisal】on Yurie-san who is donned with a hannya mask.

!!?

The woman who was hiding behind Yurie-san suddenly got in between Yurie-san and me, and the【Appraisal】magic had been blocked by a suspicious shield.

What's that!?

That woman's shield is made from a material I don't understand well, it has a dull feeling, and black in color.

Although the【Appraisal】magic hit, I wasn't able to appraise it.

The moment the magic hit, it felt like it was diffused, and canceled.

It's probably something that can cancel magic.

『Ara~. Koneko-chan, you protected me, right~?

I will lick you later~.』

Yurie-san said such a thing to the woman with a shield, but since she talked in Japanese, it probably didn't make any sense to that woman.

『Yurie-san, please return to your sanity.

Let's return to Japan together.』

『I don't want~.

Since it's a special dream that seems to be interesting, I have to enjoy it more.』

『It's not a dream! It's reality!』

『Ahaha~. Such a strange thing happened, it's impossible to be real~.』

No good, Yurie-san completely believes that it's a dream.....

『That's right! Since Elena has specially appeared too, it's a good opportunity to do it!』

Dangerous, I have a terribly dangerous feeling.

When Yurie-san picked her skirt up a little—

from inside Yurie-san's skirt,

several jet-black tentacles gushed forth with *une une*.

「Hii!」

Overwhelmed by fear, Elena uttered a short scream, and hid behind me.

『Elena-cha~n, you don't have to run away, you know~.

Because it's not going to be painful~.』

From the bottom of my heart, I—
felt Yurie-san to be frightening.

Chapter 236: Grotesque woman

The multiple jet-black tentacles that stretched out from the inside of Yurie-san's skirt swooped down on Elena who dislike them.

「Elena!」

I drew the White Belt Sword and slashed at a jet-black tentacle.

『Gyaa! Being rough with a little maiden's important part.』

Yurie-san screams.

What important part!?

The tentacle that I cut off fell down on the floor with 「becho」 sound.

What's this!?

A sticky liquid has stained the White Belt Sword which cut the tentacle...

Or rather! This sticky liquid smells like a rotten cheese!

The most unpleasant thing is that the cut off tentacle is still moving with 『une une』 on the floor.

Upon observing it for a while—

the cut off tentacle suddenly stiffened, and with *whoosh*, spat out a white liquid.

The white liquid splashed into a fan-shape on the floor, a squid-like smell wafted from it.

So disgusting.....

I don't want to cut such a tentacle with a valuable sword.

The room was filled with an unpleasant smell of squid and rotten cheese.

『Arara, I've made a mess~.』

Yurie-san starts a tentacle attack once more.

I can't let Elena be stained by such grotesque tentacles.

Although it's gross, I have no choice but to do something.

When I cut the tentacles off, it stained the floor in many parts of the room.

Since I don't want to approach the stained floor, the places that I can fight decreases as I cut a tentacle.

This is dangerous.

If I make a bad move, my foot will slip at that sticky white liquid, and I will fall down, then my entire body will become sticky.....

just thinking about it makes my back freeze.

I don't want to hurt Yurie-san, but there's no helping it.

I have no choice but to do it!

I used【Flammable gas generation】and【Ignition】spells, and a flame gushed out like a flamethrower.

And the flame went towards Yurie-san.

However, my flame was thwarted by the shield woman who butted in, and didn't reach Yurie-san.

『Kyaa! I will wet my bed if I dreamed of fire!』

It's not a dream!

Since you might wet your bed, please wake up quickly.....

The shield woman protects Yurie-san.

I raised up the flame to my heart's content.

「Stop! My castle will burn!!」

If it isn't the King who is hiding at the back of the room, who is?

Useless King, be silent please.

Bear with one or two castle!

When the flame died down, the white liquid which covered the floor—
dried out.....

Moreover, it being heated by the flame, a smell of burnt rotten cheese, and
burnt squid filled the room.

Elena holds her mouth too.

However, I was somehow able to do something about the bad footing with
this.

Although I don't want to step on the dried out part, I can't ask too much.

I began to run—

not towards Yurie-san but towards the shield woman.

『My koneko-chan, watch out!』

Yurie-san spread out tentacles in order to protect the shield woman.

Now!

I【Teleported】behind the shield woman, and pushed the woman's back with a
thud.

『N!?!』

The woman who had been pushed in the back approached the attacking
tentacles.....

『Gyaa!』

she left a scream, and had been engulfed in the tentacles.

『Hm? I attacked Koneko-chan by mistake.』

When the tentacles which engulfed the woman loosened—
the woman who was covered with juice all over emerged inside.

That woman was twitching with *piku piku*, and had fainted with an awful expression.

My condolences.

『Uh, Yurie-san.

There's no one who will protect you anymore.

Please give it up.』

『I've made a mistake~.

But because of Koneko-chan jumping in~, I've unintentionally eaten a lot of sweets~.』

You have eaten!?

Using this opportunity, I used【Appraisal】on Yurie-san.

└─<Status>─

| Name: Mihara Yurie

| Occupation: Junior College student | Condition: Cursed (Devilized, confused, bewitched) |

| Level: 5

| HP: 448

| MP: 1,478

|

| Power: 65 Endurance: 15
| Ability: 45 Magic power: 152

| Skills
| Darkness 5, Whip technique 4

The curse’s abnormal condition is dangerous, it has three effects.
What the, 『Devilized』?
Her skills seem to be dangerous too.
What the, level 5 Darkness!?
Why can she use a whip!!?

The hannya mask is probably the cause of the curse.
I used【Appraisal】on the mask.

└─<Appraisal>──
| 【Devil’s mask】

| Plants a devil’s heart to the equipped person, | rendering him/her unable to
make normal decisions.
| Rarity: ★★★★★

So it’s the cause as expected!

When I took out the【Curse dispelling potion】from the inventory—
the tentacle attacked me.
「Wa!?!」
I was able to dodge it somehow, but.....

the liquid which smells like a rotten cheese stained my clothes.

Yurie-san persistently attacks once more.

Gross!

I don't want to touch it!

I don't want to cut it off!

Since I have to dodge it more than necessary, I have no time to use the【Curse dispelling potion】which I took out with so much effort.

「I will leave it to you, Elena!

The cause is that mask!」

I shouted while throwing the【Curse dispelling potion】to Elena.

「Understood, Seiji-sama!」

And then, I kept on dodging the tentacle attack.....

I was gradually getting pushed back.

Chapter 237: Konbu maki

「Seiji-sama!」

Elena shouted worriedly.

Without an opening being created for her to splash the【Curse dispelling potion】over to Yurie-san, Elena was in dire stress too.

I have to do my best to create an opening to Yurie-san here.....

I have to, but.....

It's no good.

I have to greatly avoid the tentacle attack more than necessary at any cost.

This is the courage to take another step!!

I resolutely took a step forward toward the incoming bunch of tentacles.

『Here it goes!!』

『I'm gonna treat you with L.O.V.E!』

The moment the katana and the tentacles collided, I put the katana back into the inventory, and slipped under the bunch of tentacles.

And then, I hold the bunch of tentacles with both hands.

It's totally like.....

like a『konbu maki^[1]』tied up in a bundle with『kanpyo^[2]』.....

『Kyaa! What are you doing with a young maiden's important part~?!』

Yurie-san screams.

As I've said so, what important part!?

「Elena! Now!!」

「Yes! Seiji-sama!!」

Elena controlled the【curse dispelling potion】with 【water magic】using this chance—

and splashed it over to Yurie-san's face!

『Kyaa! What this!!?』

Yurie-san was surprised at the facial-cumshot^[3] and pulled the tentacles back in her skirt.

「I did it, Seiji-sama.」

「You did well, Elena.」

I was going to hug Elena, but.....

I was dodged by Elena.

「Why did you dodge, Elena?」

「Because.....Seiji-sama.....」

When I look carefully at my body—

it had become sticky with the liquid that smells like a rotten cheese.

I see, it was during the konbu maki strategy a while ago.....

It can't be helped, let's put off hugging Elena for later.

『Guwaaa---!!』

When such a thing happened, Yurie-san began to suffer.

When I looked carefully, a black smoke shrouded from her face together with the sound of something melting and sizzling.

After Yurie-san writhe for a while, she collapsed and stopped moving.

「Is she alright?」

「She's certainly fine since the curse has just removed.」

While we were watching attentively,

Yurie-san's mask came off, and fell down on the floor.

When I used【Appraisal】, Yurie-san's『curse』had disappeared.

「Yes! The curse is dispelled.」

Elena who heard my words quickly rushed up to Yurie-san.

「It's alright, Seiji-sama.

Yurie-san doesn't have any injury.」

「Is that so! That's good.」

Yurie-san seems to have expended magic power, and just asleep.

「Seiji-sama, let's carry Yurie-san to my room.」

「Ou, leave it to me.」

I wiped the sticky juice smeared on my body, wrapped Yurie-san in a bath towel,

and took her to Elena's room in a princess carry.

There was a new bed placed in Elena's room.

The King probably prepared a new bed for Elena when she come back.

「Oi, Seiji!」

When I was thinking who it was, the King willfully barged into Elena's room.

「What it is, King?」

「What 'what is it'?

Other than such a thing, what are you going to do with that woman!?!」

「I'm not going to do anything, just nurse her.」

「That woman is the enemy who attacked me, you know?!!」

「Otouto-sama, you're wrong!」

Since Elena objected suddenly, the King was surprised.

「This Yurie-san is an important friend of mine!

She was manipulated by the devil-kin!

She's not an enemy!!」

「I-, Is that so.....」

The King flinches at the so angry look of Elena.

Oops, I forgot the other woman.

「Elena, I'll leave Yurie-san to you.」

「Yes, leave her to me.」

「King too, don't bother Elena.」

「Don't order me.」

Sigh, the king wasn't helping~.

When I came back to the audience room, the woman with a shield was still unconscious.

I endured the sticky bad smell, and performed a physical check-up on the woman.

When I took off the woman’s hood, she has two horns as expected.
She’s a devil-kin after all.

And then.....

She had【Magic stone of confusion inducement】,【Magic stone of confusion erasure】, and【Magic stone of suicide】in her person.

└─<Appraisal>──
|【Magic stone of confusion inducement】
|One can induce confusion to a person.
|It’s necessary to draw near during the inducement.
|Rarity: ★★★★★
└──────────

└─<Appraisal>──
|【Magic stone of confusion erasure】
|One can erase the confusion of a person by pouring magic power
|while having bodily contact.
|Rarity: ★★★★★
└──────────

└─<Appraisal>──
|【Magic stone of suicide】
|One can commit suicide by pouring magic power,
|completely obliterating the body, and one’s belongings.
|Rarity: ★★★★★
└──────────

These are nothing but dangerous magic stones.

The story I can see from these three was.....

1. Act together, and manipulate Yurie-san.
2. If the strategy fails, kill Yurie-san.
3. Then she will commit suicide, destroying the evidence.

Such a flow was my hypothesis.

Incidentally, the black shield was—

└─<Appraisal>──
|【Shield of everlasting darkness】
|A shield which cancels magic invocation,
|but can't block physical attack.
|Rarity: ★★★★★
└──────────

It was as such.

I put the shield and the three magic stones away into the inventory, and tied the hands of the devil-kin woman behind her back.

Then, Lyle Gewalt entered while gasping for breath.

「King-sama! Are you safe!!?」

「If it isn't Lyle Gewalt.
Did you only shamelessly appear now?」

「S-, Seiji!!

What of King-sama!?!」

「He's safe.

And, as you can see, I caught this devil-kin as well.

Or rather, where have you been until now?」

「I seemed to have been put asleep somehow or other, and woke up just now.....

I'm ashamed.」

Well, I figured.

「Lela was worried, you know.

Contact her quickly.」

「I-, Is that so.....」

I was able to save the Royal Capital somehow.

And, got back Yurie-san as well.

The rest, I'll finish the battle in the other towns and return to Japan.

I whipped my tired body and stood up.

Chapter 238: Nippo defensive battle

When I check the situation of each town—

There are few enemies in Ikebu town, and in Shinju town where Lela is, and the enemies seem to have been considerably pushed back.

The battle in Demon town where Mai-san is seems to be safe as well so it's alright.

The Nippo town where Aya and Hilda are is slightly losing ground.

Let's help first from this place.

I check up on other towns just in case, but haven't seen any new enemy.

The devil-kin seem to have already taken out all of their pieces.

「Lyle Gewalt, I'll leave this devil-kin woman to you.

Don't kill her since I will torture her later and have her speak out.」

「Understood.」

I went back to where Elena and Yurie-san are—

「Elena, take care of Yurie-san for a while, I will go to help Aya and Hilda.」

「Understood, please leave her to me.」

This place will be alright if I leave it to Elena.

I moved to Nippo town using【Teleportation】.

When I arrived at Nippo town, the sun had already set, and it had become dark.

「Aya, Hilda, are you guys alright?」

「Ah, onii-chan, you came!

With this, we'll win!!」

「Seiji-onii-chan, we don't have anymore candy.」

That much candy I handed over has already been used up, huh.....

it seems to have been quite a great fight.

「Yurie-san was found.

She's being nursed by Elena right now.」

「Really!?

She's being nursed, does she have injury somewhere?」

「She's not hurt, just sleeping.」

「Is that so, that's good~.」

「Onii-chan, I'll leave Hilda-chan's matter to you.

I'll be gone for a bit.」

「Going to the toilet?」

「No!!

I'll beat the devil-kins!」

「Wait a moment.」

「What is it!?

Are you going to stop me?」

「No.

Those fellows did something terrible to Yurie-san.

Don't hesitate to punish them.」

I cast【Quick】magic on Aya.

「Leave it to me!」

Like a dog when provided pet food, Aya jumped out with tremendous

momentum.

And then, bodies of monsters and devil-kin being blown off could be seen from afar.

Then Rondo who look tired began to talk.

「Seiji, you came back, huh.

Who was it that rushed off just now?」

「It's Aya.」

「Aya-san?

Haha, you're joking again.」

Somehow or another, Rondo doesn't seem to understand Aya properly.

「How's the war situation?」

「The enemy is numerous, it has been a hard fight.」

Coming here to help was a correct choice after all.

When we were having such talk, a soldier rushed up in a great hurry.

「It's serious! The devil-kin penetrated the town!」

「What!?!」

Led by the soldier, Rondo and I rushed towards the place.

At the place, a lot of soldiers had surrounded something.

When I look at the center of the circle—

A lone devil-kin.....

was rolling about with laughter.....

「What on earth is this!?!」

「We don't know, he's already like that when we found him.」

I see, so that's the reason!

「This is the effect of Elena's magic.」

「What do you mean by that, Seiji?」

「Elena cast a magic which covered this town, right?

A tickle attack will immediately strike at the enemy who invaded the town with its effect.」

「So that's what it was!

That means, it's Elena-sama's blessing!

How wonderful!!」

Rondo knelt down and offered a thank you prayer.

He's completely a『believer』, huh.....

Another soldier who was gasping for breath came over again.

「Rondo-sama, the enemy's coordination has collapsed.」

「What did you say!?!」

When I looked toward the enemy's direction, *bang bang* an enemy was launched like a skyrocket in the distance.

It's Aya's doing.

A short time later, that『indecent skyrocket』—

began to rotate around a fixed spot, creating a circle.

And then—

Right in the middle of the enemy, a tornado was completed.

The monsters and devil-kin who had been blown up by the huge tornado scattered in all directions, and fell like rain.

After a short time, the tornado vanished—

At the mountain of the unmoving monsters and devil-kin, there was Aya's figure stood dauntingly in the center.

I rushed over toward Aya.

「Good work.」

「Hiyaa! Rampaged, rampaged!」

Aya bloomed with a smile while gasping for breath.

The huge tornado was the deciding factor, the monsters and devil-kin scattered, running about trying to escape.

「Charge--!!」

At Rondo's signal, the soldiers started to charge at the crowd of monsters who were running about trying to escape.

「「Oo--!!」」

The soldiers advance to rout the monsters.

After a short time, the fight ended in complete victory.

「Seiji, Aya-san... Hilda-san, thank you for your cooperation.」

Rondo said so and offered a handshake to Aya, but Aya hid behind me.

Rondo seems to be serious too.

「Hilda had become strong, huh...」

Misha-san keeps on petting Hilda.

「It's good that I was able to be of help to Misha-san.」

Hilda seems to be glad being petted too.

Now then, let's see the situation of the other towns.

The fight in Ikebu and Shinju are still on-going, but it seems they have a lot of room to spare.

As for the demon town.....

the intense battle is still on-going.

「Aya, Hilda. Mai-san is still fighting.

Let's go to help her.」

「「Yes!」」

When I was about to use【Teleportation】, at the spot where the two people gathered, Rondo and Misha-san came over as well.

「Seiji, you're going already?」

「Yeah, a companion of mine is still fighting.」

「I see..... don't force yourself too much.」

「Gotcha.」

「Aya-san too, please come again.」

「.....」

Aya, say something, will you?

Misha-san took Hilda's hand, loathing to part with her.

「Hilda, visit again, okay?」

「Yes.」

While being seen off by Rondo and Misha-san, we went to the demon town.

Chapter 239: Hilda's awakening

When we arrived at the demon town, there were a lot of soldiers who were inside of the divine protection of the recovery spirit taking a break.

After taking a break for a while, the soldiers rushed out again.

It's a repetition of such situation.

They are probably quite exhausted.

We came over to Bunmi-san.

「Bunmi-san, how's the situation?」

「Oh, Seiji-dono. We're saved now that you came.

As you can see, everyone is worn out.

Thanks to Elena-dono's magic, we somehow managed to hold out.」

As expected, they are in a quite difficult predicament.

It's the style of the demon-kind to fight by reinforcing their bodies using magic.

They might be weak in a prolonged war when running out of magic power is considered.

Cassandra-san came back here with staggering steps.

「Cassandra-san!」

「Ah, Hilda.」

Hilda ran up to the staggering Cassandra-san.

「Are you alright?」

「I'm fine, just running out of magic power.....」

Cassandra-san was attended by Hilda, and sat down beside Bunmi-san.

「How's the war situation?」

「There are still a lot of monsters.」

「Is that so.....」

Mai-san came back here this time.

「Ah, onii-san, were the other towns already cleared up?」

「Yes, this town is the one having the hardest fight for the time being.」

「Is that so, I'm sorry even though I'm here.」

「And then, Yurie-san was found.」

「Is it true!?!」

「Yes, she was manipulated and used by the devil-kin.

She has no injury, but she's sleeping now and is being nursed by Elena.」

「Is that so, well then, let's finish the one in here and go to where Yurie-kun is quickly.」

Mai-san who heard the good news of Yurie-san mustered her strength and stood up again.

「Captain, I will go too.」

Aya follows Mai-san as well.

「Wait, both of you.

I will put【quick】on you guys.」

Mai-san and Aya rushed out vigorously after receiving【Quick】.

I'd like to go, but the consumption of magic power by repeatedly using【teleportation】and fighting Yurie-san is slightly harsh.

「Ah, you are, Hilda-chan!」

A soldier noticed that Hilda is here and rushed up.

「Hilda-chan, can you give me a candy?」

He's magic power is probably exhausted.

And then, several people nearby who heard about it gathered toward Hilda.

「I-, I'm sorry, the candies have already been used up.....」

When Hilda answered so regretfully, the soldiers who gathered seemed to be disappointed, 「Is that so.....」

and left.

Hilda who had been left behind had become slightly teary-eyed.

If it's this sort of thing, I should've brought more candy and Japanese sweets.

Hilda looked sorrowful, and while her head was being petted, her tears suddenly fell down one by one.....

「If only we could make candy using magic~.」

It was a slip of tongue.....

Even if I say that such a thing can't be done, it won't be able to comfort her.....

However,

Hilda's eyes lit up—

「That's so, isn't it!? I will give it a try!!」

and replied vigorously.

Sorry, Hilda.

I've just said that such a thing can't be done.....

「I was able to do it!!」

N?

You were able to do, what??

With a smiling face,

Hilda shows me a delicious-looking orb on her palm.

What’s this?

I timidly used【Appraisal】.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic candy】

|A candy made of condensed magic power.

| Magic power is restored upon licking.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

└──────────

.....

Haa!??

What【Magic candy】!!?

「Ah, Hilda-san.

Can I lick this?」

「Yes!!」

Being offered energetically,

I threw it in my mouth.

Sweeeet!!

And delicious!!!

My cheeks seem to be melting away!

After confirming my own status, it recovered around 100 MP like a normal candy.

Hilda, using magic.....

managed to create a candy!!!

I have Hilda to make another candy, and although the candy is made, Hilda's MP has only decreased by 30.

In other words, it consume 30 MP to recover 100 MP.

After subtracting, she can recover 70 as well!!

Furthermore, if it's made when the MP is in excess, she can use it as much as she like later on, and she can also give it to others.

「This is amazing!!!

Hilda, you're a genius!!」

When I keep on petting Hilda,

Hilda seems to be happy—

「With this, I can distribute candy to everyone!」

I see,

Hilda wholeheartedly wants to distribute candies.....

「Alright, Hilda!

You lick this candy first and recover your magic power.

Then, you can start distributing it to everybody. Good?」

「Yes!」

「Then, I'm going to call out the people who are running out of magic power.

Distribute candies with all your might!」

「Yes!!」

Though I only called out a little, soldiers who were running out of magic power gathered in great numbers.

「Please stand in line~.」

I busily worked as a person in charge of organizing Hilda's queue.

And, as for Hilda—

while getting on the verge of magic power exhaustion many times, kept on making candies with utmost effort.

The soldiers who got a candy from Hilda, 「Thank you, do your best!」 came back to the frontline one after another.

When Hilda kept on making candies for awhile—

the candies that Hilda made started to show a change in color.

When I used【Appraisal】—

it became【Magic candy +1】.

The【Magic candy +1】was an amazing candy which also restores 150 MP.

Furthermore, it's not only that!

What is it now!?

It also gives an additional effect of stats bonus for a certain period of time.

W-, W-, What!!!?

The MP consumption during the candy making is deferred!

And then, Hilda's recovery magic's level rose from 2 to 3.

I tried to make a candy as a test too.....

But I wasn't able to do it.....

It's frustrating!

But I will allow it since Hilda is cute.

Chapter 240: Sleeping black beauty?

The steady advance of the demon-kind has started thanks to Hilda's candy.

As for Hilda, she keeps making candies desperately in the condition that seems she will fall asleep at any time soon.

It's sad that the only thing I can do is to support her.

A short time later, a cheer rose up from the frontline.

What was that?

When I look toward the direction where the soldiers are looking—

there were the Demon Lord, and the Previous Demon Lord.

Where on earth were they until now?

And then, when the Previous Demon Lord raised his hand up high.....

a freshly severed head of a devil-kin hang from his hand!

「Uoooo----!!!」

Then, the soldiers' cheers rise up again.

It seems like the Demon Lord and the Previous Demon Lord have performed a kamikaze attack to take the heads of the devil-kin.

And the two people have brought home about 20 freshly-severed head with them.

The morale of the soldiers who had seen it instantly soared,
and the large crowd of monsters was annihilated in an instant.

The battle ended,
and all the soldiers gathered to where the Demon Lord and the Previous Demon Lord were.

Hilda was considerably tired, I led her by the hand.

Mai-san was urged by the soldiers and stepped forward in front of the Previous Demon Lord.

When I was thinking what the Previous Demon Lord will do.....

that fellow, the Previous Demon Lord lifted her up, and gave her a ride on his shoulder.

And he praised Mai-san's great efforts.

「Uoo---!!!」

The soldiers praised Mai-san with a big encouragement too.

As for Mai-san, she seems so embarrassed.

The Demon Lord shake hands with Aya and Bunmi-san, thanking them for their service.

Even when the other party is the Demon Lord, Aya is still somewhat a little quiet.

「Ah, Hilda, you're here!」

When Cassandra-san saw us,
she approached and hugged Hilda.

「Hilda, you did well!
You're my pride!」

Cassandra-san keeps on petting Hilda while hugging her.

Hilda who was being praised a lot by Cassandra-san seemed glad and embarrassed too.

Hilda fell asleep in Cassandra-san's arms before long.

Cassandra-san pressed her cheeks against Hilda's while hugging her.

「Seiji-dono, a victory celebration will be held right now, so please participate.」

Bunmi-san who came for Cassandra-san asked me so, but.....

「Sorry, but I've left a friend in the human town.

Since this friend was also caught by the devil-kin, I have to go back.」

「I see, the human town was attacked by the devil-kin too, huh.....

Understood, please come again, then we'll drink liquor once again on that occasion.」

「Yes.」

We found Mai-san and Aya,
received Hilda who was sleeping from Cassandra-san,

and used【Teleportation】to the Royal Capital.

We returned to Elena's room.

「Yurie-kun!」

Mai-san rushes up, and looks into the face of the sleeping Yurie-san anxiously.

「Elena, how's Yurie-san's condition?」

「She's been sleeping since then.」

「I see, but that may be more convenient.」

「Onii-chan, what do you mean by that?」

Aya asked seemingly a little angry.

「While Yurie-san is sleeping, we'll return to Japan.

In that case, she may think that what happened here is all a dream.」

「You're going to keep what happened here a secret?」

「Yurie-san's situation has become a matter for the police,
so if we have her think that it's all a dream, it will probably be discordant,
okay?」

「I see~. That may also be true.」

「Will it also be okay with you, Mai-san and Elena?」

Elena and Mai-san both nodded as well.

「Alright, then right away.....

before that, let's say goodbye to Lela first.」

「Eh~. What for?

We should leave Lela alone~.」

Aya is on bad terms with Lela.

「I promised to help her, I wouldn't go home quietly, okay?」

「Muu.」

What「Muu」!?

I left Hilda to Aya and went to where Lela is.

「Lela, how's the town's situation?」

Well, I already know that they have already finished repelling the monsters with the tracking beacon's video though.

「Seiji! Aren't you late!?

We have already repelled the monsters.」

「The devil-kin?」

「.....We unfortunately failed to catch them.」

「Well, it can be considered good since both you and the town are safe, Lela.」

「S-, Seiji.....」

Lela draws near unsteadily for some reason.

Is there something wrong?

「I'm sorry, but since we're going to go home soon, I'll leave the rest to you.」

「Eh!? You're going to go home soon?」

「Yes, since we have taken our friend back who were caught by the devil-kin, I'd like to take her back to her family immediately.」

「I-, Is that so.....」

「Well then, see you.」

「Please come visit again.」

「Yes.」

I parted with Lela who looked lonely, and returned to the Royal Capital.

「Onii-chan, it was very fast, huh.」

「Well, I've only said goodbye.」

「It was very fast!」

Why are you saying that again, Aya!?

「Then, let's return to Japan now!」

Immediately after I said so.....

「Fa~~~~.」

Yurie-san yawned!

And then.....

「Hm? What's wrong, everyone?

Hmm? Where is this place??」

Dangerous, Yurie-san has woken up!!

「It's good, Yurie-kun! You're awake!!」

Mai-san hugs Yurie-san.

「What's the matter, Captain?」

I suddenly.....

「【Sleep】!!」

cast【sleep】magic on Yurie-san, and put her asleep again.

「Onii-san, why did you do that!?!」

Mai-san got angry.

「Sorry, Mai-san.....

But please bear with it a little bit more.」

「T-, That's right.....

go back while she's asleep.

I, of all people, lost self control. It's me who should say sorry.」

Sorry, Yurie-san, please endure it a little bit more.

I carried Yurie-san, and Hilda whom Aya had laid down on each arms,
and we returned to Japan.

Chapter 241: Changing clothes in the darkness

「Waa, it was tiring~.」

I finally returned to Japan.

Hilda is being carried by Aya and is sleeping soundly too.

Aya and Elena went to their room to put Hilda to bed.

「Mai-san, since I will send Yurie-san to her house, I'd require your help, is it fine?」

「Help? Yes, it's fine.」

I teleported out using【Teleportation】with Mai-san while carrying Yurie-san in my arms.

「It's pitch-black, shouldn't the light be turned on?」

「Since we don't want for anybody to know, please bear with it.」

「Well, that's right, isn't it~?」

Although I can see because I have【Night vision】, Mai-san seems to be having a hard time to move in the dark.

We moved quietly,

and laid Yurie-san down on the bed.

「Then, what should I help you with?」

「Uhm, I'm sorry, but.....

I want you to take her clothes off.」

「Eh!?

Onii-san?

It's that as expected.....」

「You're wrong! It's Yurie-san!」

「.....Are you planning to do something naughty?

But why me? Do I have to help onii-san's pervert deed?」

「Mou! You're wrong!!

The clothes that Yurie-san is wearing right now are the clothes which the devil-kin put on her, right?

It's no good unless we try not to leave evidence of something like that from the other world!」

「Ah, I see!

Sorry, sorry. I misunderstood.」

Mai-san seemed to have finally understand too.

She began to undress Yurie-san in the dark.

「Hey, onii-san,

do I have to also take the underwear off?」

U-, Underwear!!?

To suddenly have a really irrelevant talk when I have a skill called【Night vision】on.....

Sorry for having an irrelevant talk.

「T-, T-, That's right, it may be better to take it off~.」

「Hey, onii-san~.

Are you by any chance looking?」

The hannya like smiling face of Mai-san appeared in the darkness.

「I-, I-, I'm not I-, looking~.」

I slowly turned around.

The sound of Mai-san undressing Yurie-san from behind can be heard.

The devil and the angel whisper close to my ears.

『Oi, turn around and look at it carefully!

It's pitch-black, and Mai-san won't notice it anyway either!』

『No, no. You must think about Yurie-san's circumstances properly!

It's necessary to check whether her body doesn't have any injury.

Look back right now and look at it carefully.

It's pitch-black, and Mai-san won't notice it anyway either!』

Hm?

However, as a coward DT, I don't have such courage, I wasn't able to move while suffering from mental anguish.

「Onii-san, since she may catch a cold if she stay naked, may I put a pajamas on her?」

「Yes! It's as Mai-san says!!」

It became a strange wording for some reason.

「Well then, can you take the pajamas in the dresser?」

「Yes! Understood!!」

I took out the pajamas from the dresser according to Mai-san's instructions, and gave it to Mai-san while facing to the back.

「You can see after all!!」

Oops!! It was a trap, huh!?

I kneeled on the ground until Yurie-san's changing of clothes was over.

「Onii-san, until when are you going to kneel on the ground?

I almost trample you.」

「Are you done?」

I asked while kneeling on the ground.

「Un, I've already put the pajamas on her, and since I've also covered her with futon, it's fine even if you face here.」

After obtaining Mai-san's permission, I got up and tried looking at Yurie-san—
Yurie-san was sleeping soundly.

「Mai-san, can I put a tracking beacon on Yurie-san?」

「Why are you asking permission from me?

Since we have no choice but to leave her here as it is, it won't be strange to monitor her, right?

Well, it can't be help, right?」

「Well then, excuse me while I put a tracking beacon on her.」

I got Mai-san's permission,

and put a tracking beacon to Yurie-san.

Since I've already used up all of them, I've taken off the tracking beacon attached on the entrance of Shinaga town.

Although I'm worried about the matter of the devil-kin, it can't be helped.

On the next morning, I was worried about Yurie-san and got up early.

I check the tracking beacon, but Yurie-san was still sleeping.

It can't be helped, let's wait for her to wake up while preparing breakfast.

When I was checking up on Yurie-san's condition while preparing breakfast—
Mai-san woke up.

「Good morning, onii-san.

How's Yurie-san's condition?」

「Good morning.

Yurie-san is still asleep.」

I've made the video visible to Mai-san as well.

「Umu, I'm getting impatient~.

Should I call her and wake her up?」

「Let's watch the situation a little bit more.」

「Umu, I see.」

Even after waking everyone up and when we were eating together, Yurie-san was still sleeping.

We watched Yurie-san's video while eating breakfast.

「She hasn't woken up yet, huh.」

「Should I call her after all?」

When we were having such talk—

『Fuwaaa.』

In the video, Yurie-san yawned and got up slowly.

「Ah! Yurie-san woke up!」

Yurie-san wakes up and looks around the surroundings, seemingly half asleep.

Now then, how things will turn out?

Without knowing that she's being watched by us, Yurie-san got up unsteadily, turned the T.V on, and watched the T.V absentmindedly while rubbing her eyes.

「Does she remember the other world?」

「Hmm... I wonder.」

And then, when Yurie-san was watching the Sunday morning's news program, and today's date was hugely displayed.....

Yurie-san slowly recalled about the situation.....

and slowly began to get confused.

Chapter 242: The female college student's behind closed doors disappearance case

Yurie-san who notices the date is blown off, and starts to become confused.

「Ah, she seems to have realized.」

At Aya's remark, the eyes of everyone who were there focused on the tracking beacon's video.

Yurie-san picked her cellphone up and tried to confirm it, but—

she noticed that she received a lot of emails, and got more and more confused.

And then, Yurie-san tries to call Mai-san first.

「Mai-san, you understand, right?

What happened in the other world is a secret, okay?」

「U-, Understood.」

Immediately after that, Mai-san's cellphone began to ring.

「Hello, Yurie-san?」

『W-, W-, What should I-, I-, I-, I do.....』

She seems to be considerably confused.

「Are you in your house right now?」

『U-, Un.』

「Please wait, I'll go there right now.」

『Un.』

Mai-san, while covering the phone.....

「Onii-san, please go with me to Yurie-kun's house right now!」

「Yeah, understood.」

Actually, it will be strange if they just talked on the phone and we rushes up immediately, but.....

Mai-san hurries up too much.

Ten minutes after the phone call, Mai-san rang the doorbell of Yurie-san's mansion^[1].

I sent Mai-san off and returned immediately, and checked the tracking beacon's video.

『C-, Captain---!』

『Yurie-kun!』

In the video, the two people hugged each other.

『Yurie-kun, do you remember how were you until now?』

『Uhh, if I remember correctly.....』

According to Yurie-san's testimony—

1. When she was preparing for her meeting with Mai-san, suddenly, she was in a shrine-like place.
2. When she was being puzzled in the midst of the people whom had two grown

horns, a magic-like something was cast on her, and she lost her consciousness.

3. When she noticed, she was transmigrated as a『bad girl』.

4. She was ordered to go and teach the neighboring country which they have disagreement with a lesson.

she seems to have this knowlege.

The shrine-like place is probably the devil-kin's place.

Is the magic-like something the【Sleep】magic?

The things such as bad girl, and the disagreement are probably the influence of『confusion』.

Accompanied by Mai-san, Yurie-san went to report to the police.

After Yurie-san was inquired about the situation by the police,

the police asked her to receive a thorough examination at the hospital.

Mai-san accompanied Yurie-san the whole time.

『Captain, I'm sorry for everything.』

『You can rely on me during such times.

It's because I'm the captain no matter what happens!』

『Captain!』

They hugged each other again.....

passionately.

However, the way Yurie-san hugs...seems slightly different from before.

Is it only my imagination?

After the thorough examination at the hospital,

Yurie-san was inquired about the situation again at the police station.

「I'm very sorry.」

「Eh!？」

A policewoman performs a dogeza in front of Yurie-san.

Why does the police apologizing?

「Actually, Yurie-san's case right now has been leaked out into the TV station.....」

When the policewoman turns on the TV installed in the interrogation-like room.....

『A female college student suddenly vanished from behind closed doors!
Where on earth has she disappeared to!?』

Yurie-san's matter is somehow being reported in a wide show^[2]!

『To begin with, what do you think, novelist Katsu-sensei?』

It seems that the program style is the host will ask a comment from a celebrity.

『This is what they commonly called murder behind closed doors.』

『She's not dead.....』

『Perhaps, the chain at the door is fastened afterwards.....』

『Fastened afterwards?』

『It's fastened to the door from the back of the house afterwards.』

『It's a mansion.....』

This novelist called Katsu or something like that is stupid.

『Next, what do you think, Magician oo-san^[3]?』

『This is simple.』

『Well.』

『A hole in the floor...』

『It doesn't have a hole.』

『Then, in the wall...』

『That place doesn't have a hole too.』

『Then, I don't know.』

This fellow is of no use as well.

『In the end, the behind closed doors' mystery remained a mystery.....

I hope that Yurie...no, Y-san to be found as soon as possible.』

Uwa, this host.....

mentioned the real name in the live broadcast!!

『Ah, please wait a moment.

A new intel came in just now!

It said that the missing Yu.. Y-san has been found.

Reporter ×× is live in front of △△ police station.

Reporter ××, how's the situation?』

『This is reporter ×× on the scene.

Y-san's whereabouts was unknown, but I found out that she came home this morning.

It seemed that she came over to the police station accompanied by a friend.

As of now, it seems that a police interview is being carried out at this △△ police station.』

She's completely being treated like a criminal.....

『What do you mean she came back home?』

『According to the informed source's information, it seemed that she was in her home when she got up this morning.

She doesn't seem to have the memory of the time when she had disappeared.』

『She doesn't know it anymore, huh. This is getting more and more interesting...don't you think?

Let's continue this matter as soon as a new information becomes available.』

You plan to pursue this further.....?

「Aya, be careful at the junior college tomorrow.」

「Y-, Yes.」

「We came.」

It was Mai-san and Yurie-san who opened the front door.

Well, I knew that they have come since I was looking at the tracking beacon's video.....

「I saw it on the TV.

It seems to be serious, huh.」

「I think that the reporter is waiting in front of my house.....

I'm sorry, but can you put me up for the night?」

「Sure.」

「Thank you very much.」 「I'm sorry.」

「Are you going to stay for the night too, Mai-san?」

「Un, I'd like to be by Yuei-san's side for a while.

Is it fine?」

「Sure, it's fine.」

Everyone had gathered in my house in the end.

I hope that the reported quickly gives up too~.

Chapter 243: The staff ate with great relish after this

In the end, Mai-san and Yurie-san stayed overnight—the next morning, I had breakfast with a great number of people.

「Yurie-san, you can stay here for as long as you want until it settles down.」
「Thank you.」

Yurie-san bowed completely like a lady.

Umu, Yurie-san looks strange as expected.
She's totally like another person.

I used【Appraisal】and knew that she's herself, but.....

At the beginning, I thought she's confused because there was such incident, but it doesn't seem to be so.

Did she become submissive from the after effect of the devilization?

However, her condition somehow has gone amiss.

「Did a reporter come to the junior college?」

As Aya mentioned,
the morning's wide show's『A female college student behind closed doors disappearance case』is extensively picked up by every station.

It's already booming, and it seems going to continue.

「Since I have work, I can't help, but.....

Aya, go to the junior college earlier than usual, and check if there's a suspicious guy.

If there's someone suspicious, contact Mai-san and Yurie-san.」

「Roger!」

「If a reporter comes to the junior college,
you should take a day off, Yurie-san.

Aya, Hilda,

can I ask you with the task of buying meals, and necessities?」

「Yes, leave it to us!」

「Everyone.....thank you very much.」

Hmm, this gentle form of Yurie-san.....

they said that the neighborhood bully only becomes attractive during the movie version, is this the『beautifuloo[1]』phenomenon?

I went to the office and confirmed the situation of the tracking beacon in the midst of work, but.....

as expected, a lot of reporters surged toward the junior college.

Aya informed them about the reporters,
Yurie-san decided to take a day off from the junior college,
Mai-san took a day off from the junior college as well and accompanied Yurie-san.

『I'm sorry captain, it's because of me.』
『Don't worry about it.』

Although she's a little girl, Mai-san is a man among men.

『Thank you, captain.』

Yurie-san hugged Mai-san.
However.....

『Yurie-kun, you're still not well as expected, huh?』
『N? Why?』

『How should I say it...the momentum when you hug me is weaker than before.』
『Is that so?』

『Un, how should I say it.....
it feels like it's filled with a dark force, filling it with more lust than before.』

『Hmm, you could say that.
How should I say it.....
I don't understand it well myself, but.....
a fuzzy, dark feeling covered my mind, it feels like I have gone somewhere.』

I have a bad feeling about this.....

Has the curse not dispelled yet?

No, I properly confirmed that the curse was dispelled using【Appraisal】.

Then, it's not the curse but something else.....

Umu, I don't understand!

「I'm home~.」

「Welcome home!」

Six girls greeted me when I got home.

N? Six girls!?

「Good evening, Seiji-san.」

「Ringo, you have come, huh!」

It feels like it has been a very long time since I last saw Ringo.

「I've become worried when I heard about Yurie-san from Aya-chan.
So I've come.」

It seems like every one of the『Seiji army corps』have gathered!
With this, it'd be a harem situation if Aya isn't here.~

「Ah,with this, it'd be like an enjoyable field trip if onii-chan isn't here~.」
「What did you say!?!」

When Aya glared at me,
Ringo broke in to stop us.

Ringo is seriously an angel.

「Oops, I almost forgot.
There's something I'd like to give to you, Ringo.」
「To me? What is it?」

I gave the【Sacrificial necklace】which I bought before and remained as is.

「What's this!?!」
It has some mysterious design, huh.」

「This is a【Sacrificial necklace】, they said that it's an item that will substitute its owner when he/she is in a pinch for only one time.」

「Ohhh.」

Although I said the truth in a joking manner, she didn't believe it, did she?

Ringo picks her sketchbook up and starts sketching the【Sacrificial necklace】. Did she like it? It seems alright.

Since everyone gathered together after a long time, the girls chatted happily.

And then, I prepared dinner all alone.

Today's recipe is『gratin』.

Since I have a little too much roasting tin,
I make around 10 servings of the ingredients, and set them into the roasting tins.

The ingredients are hotate[2], prawns, and mushrooms.

Only around four can be roasted in the house's microwave oven at the same time,

So I first warm the microwave oven up,
then wait for the heat to spread out thoroughly while irradiating it with infrared rays using【Light magic】to keep it warm.

Then I scorch the surface of the cheese using【Fire magic】and it's done.

I immediately put the finished product into the inventory to keep it piping hot, and oven fresh.

When I finished the preparations for the salad, and carried it on the table, the girls gathered.

「Onii-chan, what's today's menu?」

「It's gratin.」

Waa *clap clap*!

A cheer broke out from the girls.

However, this number of people...

The table of the house's living room was big to some degree, but.....
since three girls sat on each side, there was no place where I can sit.

I carried the gratin,
carried the french bread which I cut into pieces,
and poured grape juice into the six people's glasses.

Hilda is blowing『fufu』on the piping hot gratin.
Aya eats the gratin up, and asks for another helping.
Since the salad has disappeared, I've made another one.
The『strawberry』is served as a dessert after the meal.....

I have no time to eat!!

And the girls' leftover food.....

※ The staff ate with great relish after this.

Chapter 244: Black part and white part

When I was relaxing with the girls after eating their leftovers with great relish—

Yurie-san suddenly stood up and said,

「There's something I'd like for everyone to see.」

「What is it, Yurie-san? Being formal so suddenly.」

Yurie-san was a little hesitant,

but she nodded as if having determined on something.

Slowly.....

Yurie-san lifted her skirt up a little.....

「Y-, Yurie-kun!?!」

And then.....

from Yurie-san's skirt,

a pitch-black.....

Elena and I promptly took a battle stance.

「Onii-chan, Elena-chan, what happened suddenly?」

「Eh?」

「Yurie-kun, what's that black something?」

「This is~.」

Before I knew it, Mai-san and Aya looked under of Yurie-san's skirt.

The attack.....

isn't coming, huh.....

That's right, isn't it?

It wasn't a tentacle.

However, that black is.....

is probably a black underwear, nevertheless, why does she want to show it?

Has her hentai character returned?

「What's this, Yurie-san?」

「I don't know, but when I noticed, it became this way.
It won't come off.」

N? It won't come off?
Isn't it the underwear?

「Everyone, and onii-san too, look.」
「A-, Ah.」

I was urged by Mai-san and looked under Yurie-san's skirt.
In there was
a thigh.....

And, a pitch-black, belt-shaped thing coiled around that thigh.

「It's that black, huh.」

This blackness, it looks like I've seen it somewhere before.....

But what is it?
Metal? Plastic?
No, it's something like a cloth since it『perfectly fit』on Yurie-san's thigh, huh?
I used【Appraisal】on it.

The moment the【Appraisal】magic hit toward that pitch-black something,
there was a feeling that it was being diffused, and then it was negated.
Ah, this is-!
It's the same as that『Black shield』!?

Strange.
I confirmed in her status that there's no curse.
But even then, why can't this be taken off?

「Can I touch it for a bit?」
「Y-, Yes.」

「Onii-chan, you mustn't touch a strange place!」
「I know it already.」
For a moment, I thought I was touching a skin, but.....
it's flexible, though it feels like metal.

It's slightly thick, is it something like a bracelet?
Since it's attached on the foot, is it called an『anklet[1]』?

It seems this black part sticks to the skin, and it doesn't move an inch.
It's probably attached by the devil-kin.

Judging from the fact that Yurie-san doesn't remember it being attached to her, she's probably asleep when it had been attached.

To mess with the thigh of a sleeping girl among other things.....
it's envious-...they deserve to die.

「This can't be taken off, are you alright? Or is it painful?」
「Yes, I'm fine.
It's as though I'm not wearing it at all.」

It's like the catch copy of the underwear or something.

It's a relief for the time being if it's the case, but.....
it's uncontrollable if it makes my【Appraisal】ineffective.

Let's try to consult someone when I go to the other world.
Butte-sama probably knows something about this.
「Uhm, can I lower my skirt now?」
「No, just a bit more.」

We can't do anything about this black part, but what about the part in the surrounding?
I focused on the part above the black part.

As expected, when I turned my eyes upward from the black part,
a white part came into view.

It's obvious that this white part is like a cloth with silky texture.

N?

This part doesn't stick to the skin, and I can insert my finger into the gap.
「Err... onii-san?」

Being able to insert a finger into the gap of the white part is out of the question for now,
even more, I can move it by pulling it *slide*.

Slide slide

Good, good! If I move it as is, it'd be taken off.....

「Onii-chan!!」

baki!!

Aya's『flying knee strike』sank into my face.

The white part which I was holding, and pulling was an inviolable territory where a DT must not touch just like that.....

With my consciousness fading away.....

the girls' white eyes[2] turned towards me, and deeply pierced my heart.

I was having breakfast while watching the morning's wide show with everyone.

Since Ringo also stayed overnight, the number of people is even greater than yesterday.

「Yurie-san's matter is still being shown on the TV.」

「I give up~. With this, Yurie-san will never be able to go to the junior college.」

「If that's the case, then leave it to me.」

Ringo-san suddenly stood up.

「Ta-dah!」

Ringo took out clothes and wig from her bag.

I see, that means, it's a disguise!

「No, that's impossible. I can't wear such lady-like clothes.」

Certainly, they're lady-like clothes which the former Yurie-san will never look good on.

But if it's the Yurie-san who came back from the other world with a changed character.....

The girls noisily crammed themselves into Aya's room.

And then, an unknown ojou-sama came out of the room.

「H-, How is it?」

Yurie-san made a spin in front of me bashfully.

Who's this?

Chapter 245: Jewelry shop's Japan branch

Who's this?

「Who are you?」

「It's Y-, Yurie.....」

Well, I know, but.....

What's this lovely creature that's fidgeting?

However, it's perfect for disguise if she changed this much.

Aya, Mai-san, and Yurie-san went to the junior college.

While Ringo went to the vocational school.

Oops, I have to go to the company as well.

I was confirming Yurie-san's situation in the company, but—
she was able to go to the junior college without being found by the reporters.

Good, good.

After this, we'll just need to wait for the guys who are waiting at her home to disappear.

「.....Maruyama-kun.....」

Well then, I should get back to work~.

「Maruyama-kun!」

「Wa! Director!

Is there something wrong!?!」

Before I knew it, I was talking to the director.

「Although it's bad when you were in the middle of concentrating.....
can you speak english?」

「Yes, somewhat.」

In order to read english documents as it is,
I learned it with【language acquisition】before.

「Is something wrong if I can speak english?」

「No, since a work which requires english will come around next week, I will probably ask you at that time.」

「I see, understood.」

Well, anything is fine, even if it's german or french.

When I finished working, and returned home,
I was also greeted by the six people today.

「Have the guys lying in wait at Yurie-san's house gone away today too?」
「Un, they've gone away today too.」

「I'm sorry for the trouble.」

The gentle Yurie-san.....

「It's the reporter who is bad, you don't have to worry about it, Yurie-san.」
「That's right, that's right!」

「Well then, shall we try to watch the wide show?」

I turned the living room's TV on.
But—

「Hm? It's not about Yurie-san.」

It's not about Yurie-san in whichever channel either.
Did they already get tired of it?

「It looks like they're talking about a famous accessory brand that will open up a branch in Japan or something like that.」
「Accessory brand?」

Hearing the word『accessory brand』, Ringo was extremely into it.

「Is this brand really famous, Ringo?」

「Of course!!

It seems they've had a lot of trouble deciding where in the world countries they would open the second shop.

They've decided on Japan, huh~. I'm glad~.

Open up quickly~.」

Eh, the brand name is『Nancy's Jewelry』, huh.

That reminds me, is Nancy who took a trip around the world doing fine?

They have the same name, so they can't be related, right?

Now way, right.....

When I was thinking such a thing—
my smartphone suddenly started to ring.

Who could it be?

When I tried to look at the incoming (call) screen.....

It was Nancy!

It's exactly『speaking of the.....[1]』, huh!

『It's been a while, Nancy. Are you doing well?』

『I'm doing well, Seiji. How about you?』

『I'm doing fine too.』

「Ah, onii-san is talking to someone in English!」

「Amazing!」

Yurie-san and Ringo are surprised.

「But, didn't he say『Nancy』just now?」

「He probably did say that.」

Be quiet you guys, I'm on the phone.

『So Nancy, you suddenly called, did something happened?』

『Actually, I'm planning to inform you since I'm going to Japan soon.』

『Are you coming to travel again?』

『It's business this time.

But, I'd like to go sightseeing since I wasn't able to do so that much when I came to Japan last time.』

『Business? That reminds me, what kind of work do you do, Nancy?』

『Since the accessory brand will open a branch in Japan, so I'll be working there.』

『Eh, what shop?』

『Nancy's Jewelry • Tokyo branch[2].』

Come again!?

Isn't it the shop that they were talking about in the wide show!?

Well, I somehow had such premonition, but.....

『Well, are you going to live in Japan, Nancy?』

『Yeah.

I'm only worried since I can't understand Japanese that well, but will you help me if I ever be in trouble?』

『Of course.』

『When are you coming to Japan?』

『The plan is monday next week.

I'll contact you again at that time, okay?』

When I finished my conversation with Nancy, and hung up the phone, Ringo drew near.

「Was the person on the phone just now called Nancy?」

「Yeah, that's right.」

「Is she coming to Japan?」

「Un.

Can you perhaps understand English, Ringo?」

「Yes!

I'm good at English!」

「Then, I'll introduce you to Nancy next time.」

「Really!?!」

Ringo is pleased, jumping up and down.

Do you want to make friends with a foreigner?

「By the way, can you speak English, Aya?」

Aya looks away.....

When I turn towards Mai-san and Yurie-san—
they look away too.

What? They can't speak English, huh.

I...since I learned it using magic, I can't be proud of it, but.....

N, magic?

That reminds me, can't they learn English if they use the【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】!?

Actually, they should study diligently,
but if I take Aya and the others to the US this time using【teleportation】,
I'll have them use【Magic stone of temporary language acquisition +2】and learn English.

In that case, they can talk with Nancy properly when she come.

Although everyone stayed overnight on that day,
Yurie-san had stopped being featured in the wide show the next day,
so she was able to come back home.

However, Mai-san was still worried to leave Yurie-san alone, so she went and stayed at Yurie-san's house.

If Mai-san stays at Yurie-san's and it's the former Yurie-san, I'll be worried for sure, but.....

there won't any probably if it's the present Yurie-san.

After that, even after how many days passed,
Yurie-san did not recover from having her character changed.

Will she be able to recover properly.....?

Chapter 246: The room is full of.....

Today, I stopped by at a home appliances general merchandise store on the way home from work.

「Onii-chan! You're late~.」

「Sorry, sorry. Just as I was leaving, I was called to stop by the director.」

Aya is angry,
while Elena and Hilda wave their hand happily.

I've arranged for us to meet today to buy Elena and Hilda smartphones.

Yurie-san doesn't have that much imminent problem either,
so it's fine to do this once in awhile, right?

「I'm looking forward to the『Smartphone』!」

「I'd like to make a『call』quickly!」

I led Elena and Hilda who were feeling cheerful,
and came over to the smartphone department.

Elena and Hilda are learning everything from the smartphone department's
onee-san.

Can the two of them properly understand about smartphone?

The smartphones which the two people chose in the end—
Elena's was a white smartphone,
while Hilda's was a red smartphone.

When I tried to ask the two people for the reason—

「『Because it's pretty.』」

is what they said.....

And then, it's me and Aya's turn from here on out!

Since Elena and Hilda can't sign the (subscription?) contract for the phones, Aya and I respectively sign the contracts as our secondary unit.

I signed the contract of Elena's smartphone while Aya signed Hilda's.

Naturally, I paid all the fees including Aya's too.

「I can make a『call』with Seiji-sama with this!」

Elena and Hilda have gotten a hold of their own smartphones, and are delighted.

「Not only me, you can also make a call with Aya, Mai-san, Yurie-san, as well as Ringo.

Not only phone call, you can also do other things with it.....」

「Would I be able to master this?」

Certainly, it's impossible to master it immediately.....

We came back home, and held a 'how to use a smartphone' lesson.

「Let's start from how to make a phone call.」

「『Yes.』」

The students are Elena and Hilda,
while I'm the teacher and Aya is the assistant.

First, I've only done the phonebook registration.
It will suddenly become hard from here.

「Then, please call me.」

「Yes! I'll do my best!」

Elena does her best to call me.

「Let me see, I do it like this here.....

Next, here.....」

Purururu~!

「Kya!」

My smartphone starts to ring, and Elena is surprised.
Did she manage to make a call?

「Right, like this, when I received a call from Elena, my smartphone will start to ring to inform me.

And when I answered the call~,
I will say ‘hello~.’」

「Ah, that’s right.

I will make a call, and greet with『hello』!
Helloo!」

「Elena.

Because it’s a phone call, you have to say hello to the smartphone.」

「I-, Is that right.....
I’m sorry.....」

Elena timidly brings the smartphone over to her ear.

「Hello, Elena-kun?」

「Hiyai!」

When I speak to the smartphone, Elena is surprised.

「I heard it! I heard Seiji-sama’s voice!」

「That’s why~
you have to talk to the smartphone.....」

「T-, That’s right.....」

Umu, it’s going to be hard going.....

「Then, it’s Hilda this time. Let’s try it.」

「Y-, Yes!」

「Hilda, try calling Aya.」

「Yes! I’ll do my best!」

Hilda operates the smartphone with an earnest expression.
Elena said『do your best』in a low voice to encourage her.

Purururu~!

Aya's smartphone rang this time.

「Hello, this is Aya.」

「H-, Hello, m-, my name is Hilda.

P-, Please treat me well.」

「It's Hilda-chan?

How are you, Hilda-chan?」

「Yes, I'm fine!」

You guys.....

Why are you having a conversation that sounds like a skit?

Well, anyhow, she seems to be able to make a call properly.

「You're amazing, Hilda,

You were able to make a call properly.」

「Ehehe~.」

Hilda is so happy,
her face has become dere dere.

「Well then, what would you do to end the call?」

「T-, That's right.

I have to do when ending the call,

uhh, uhh.....」

「First, bid farewell to Aya on the phone right now.」

「T-, That's right!

Goodbye, Aya-san.」

「Yes, goodbye.」

When ending the call, she said『goodbye[1]』!

Well, it's fine.....

「And, uhh, uhh.」

Somehow or other, Hilda seems to have forgotten the operation when ending a call.

It can't be helped, let's dispatch a rescue boat.

「Look, it's here.」

「Ah, that's right!」

Pochi

Hilda pressed the end call button with power.
You don't need to put that much power.

「I-, I was able to do it!」

「Alright, Hilda. Well done!」

When I petted Hilda's head,
she was grinning from ear to ear.

「Seiji-sama, please let me do it once again.」

Elena comes forward to regain her honor as well.

「Alright, then I'll go outside the house,
and you try to do it.」

「Y-, Yes!」

In the end, Elena and Hilda respectively practiced making a call 20 times, and somehow reached the point where they can do it.

「Next, we'll learn how to take a photo.」

「『Photo』?」

It was only Hilda who asked a question.
It seems Elena already knows what a photo is.

「I'll show you how to do it first.」

Pasha!

I took a picture of Elena and Hilda with my smartphone.

「It flashed, and I heard a sound of something!」

I used the camera flash since we're inside a room.

The sound is a way to prevent peeping photos.

「Look, see that?」

I showed to the two the picture I took just now.

「Ah, Elena-onee-san and I are in the smartphone!」

「This is a photograph.

It's possible to capture the things you've seen during that time.」

「That's amazing!」

「And then-!!」

I took out a certain thing from the inventory.

「What's that, onii-chan?」

「Ta-dah!

This is a【printer】!」

「「Ohh.」」

Aya claps her hands after she have understood,
while Elena and Hilda are tempted and clap their hands.

I set the【printer】up,
and printed Elena and Hilda's photo I took a short while ago.

「It's amazing!!」

Elena and Hilda are delighted looking at their photo.

As expected, it's not just the smartphone, it's fun if there's also a printed photo.

Afterwards, Elena and Hilda learn how to take pictures extremely seriously.
They've also mastered how to print with the printer.

When I came home from work the next day—

Elena and Hilda kept on taking photos,
and the photos which they printed—

were scattered around the room in massive quantities.....

You guys took too many photos.....

Chapter 247: Photo album

「You guys, what on earth does this mean?」

「S-, Seiji-sama!

T-, This is not what it looks like!

Although I'm not doing anything, the『purin-ta』prints on its own....」

Don't worry,「although I'm not doing anything」is normal when learning PC-related things.

Also, what's『purin-ta[1]』?

The printer and pudding doesn't have any relationship, you know?

「Because of that, it became like this and.....」

「I-, I'm sorry.....

The『purin-ta』was broken too.....」

「N!? The printer broke!?!」

「I-, I'm shorry.....」

Both Elena and Hilda shrink with *egu egu*.

But, have you broken the printer in just a day?

What?

When I tried to check it, it just『run out of ink』.

I looked at the photos which have been scattered;

A photo of everyone from the shopping district.

A photo of children playing in the park.

A photo of a small flower blooming at the roadside.

A photo of Ojizo-san[2] standing still quietly.

And, photos of Elena and Hilda wearing a full smile at various places.

I'd like to make a photo album or something

with only good photos in it.

When I was thinking such a thing,

Elena and Hilda clung onto my pants from left and right, and broke into tears.

「Elena, Hilda, don't cry.

It's fine, the printer isn't broken.」

「Trully!?!」

Oh no, both Elena and Hilda are all messed up with tears.

Even so, you shouldn't pull my pants that much.

It slides down.....

When I changed its ink,

the printer starts printing again.

So these weren't all!

「I'm home~.

Gasp! What's this!?!」

Aya returned home from junior college, and was surprised at the huge number of pictures scattered about.

「Elena and Hilda seemed to have print everything by mistake.」

「I see~.

Such a thing happens quite often, isn't it?」

It can't happen quite often!

「Ah, this photo of Elena is cute!

This Hilda-chan is cute too!」

With Aya's appearance, it completely became a photo appreciation meeting.

Elena and Hilda who were crying until a while ago appreciates the photos

happily too.

「Elena, Hilda,

I have to talk to you two. Listen to me.」

「Y-, Yes.....」

The two people look dejected.

It seems they think that I will get angry.

「Can you take more photos?」

「Eh!?!」

「Onii-chan, taking that much photo of the two of them, what are you going to use them for?」

「That is.....」

「That is?」

「I will make a photo album!」

「『Photo album』, is it?」

Elena and Hilda doesn't seem to understand that much.

「So, what kind of photos should we take?」

「That's right~.

Take photos

wearing various clothes,

at various places,

with various poses.」

「Y-, Yes, understood!」

Elena and Hilda understood.

I'm looking forward to what kind of photos they will take.

The next day, since I had a little spare time at work, I looked at Elena and Hilda's situation.

.....How did this happen!?

Elena and Hilda
were dressed in pretty clothes—

and were having a photo shoot with a pro cameraman!

There's a person who has a reflector board too,
and make-up-san, and costume-san,
and a person who prepares chairs, and a person who prepares drinks, and a
reasonably large number of people.

What's this!?

Ah, the guy who has this reflector board
is innocent-faced of Japanese sweets shop!

When I looked carefully, the cameraman is the oji-san of the camera shop,
and the other people are all from the shopping district too.

I pretended that I'm going to the toilet, and called Elena outside.

『Hello, Elena.』

『Yes, this is Elena.

What's wrong, Seiji-sama?』

『Elena, are you with everyone from the shopping district right now?

How did such a thing happen?』

『O~h, that, when I was talking about photos to everyone from the shopping
district, they said that they will cooperate with the photo shoot.』

『I-, Is that so.....』

『We'll do our best to take the photos you've asked for.』

『U-, Un, do your best.....』

W-, What to do.

Well, it's fine.....

Again, on the night of the next day, when I returned home—

there were 2 cardboard boxes in the living room.

「Elena, what are these cardboard boxes?」

「I received them from the people of the shopping district.」

「What in the world are they?

May I open it?」

「Yes.」

When I opened it—

there were a hundred copies of the gorgeous, hardcover, full colored『Elena's photo album』.

N-, No way!

The other box was『Hilda's photo album』.

What the hell!

According to what I heard afterwards,

the shopping district wrestled to make the photo album in full force.

They threatened...asked earnestly the manager-san of the printing factory located at the opposite side of the shopping district.

They persevered...did their best from printing to bookbinding in just one day.

Poor manager-san of the printing factory.....

When I checked the contents of the photo album—

Although there were a lot of neighboring places at the location of the photo shoot,

as one would expect, the result was wonderful, it was worthwhile that it was a pro who took the photos.

「Uwa, Elena and Hilda are beautiful!!

I should've ask them to make me a photo album too~.」

「Who would want your photo album, Aya?」

「There may be a person who wants my photo album!」

「Umm, if it's Rondo, he may want it.」

「Who is Rondo?」

Poor Rondo.....

And then, as for Elena and Hilda's photo album,
apart from the one hundred copies which arrived at our house,
ten copies each were distributed to each shop in the shopping district.....

Properly speaking, I'm angry at the selfish action of the people of the
shopping district,
but I will allow it only this time out of consideration for the splendid Elena and
Hilda's photo albums.

Chapter 248: Communication network

Saturday. We will also go to the other world this week.

The purpose for this week is to look for information about that black thingy on Yurie-san's thigh.

Since Yurie-san is being kept in after school together with Mai-san, the members are the four of us--Aya, Elena, Hilda, and I.

First, we went to where Butte-sama was.

「Hello, Butte-sama.」

「My, my, if it isn't Princess Elena.」

It seems Butte-sama completely ignored us except for Elena, huh.....

「Honestly.....」

I explained Yurie-san's situation, and asked whether she has any idea what it is.

「I haven't heard of such curse.

Besides, I don't have any idea what is if even the appraisal displays that it's not a『curse』.

I'm sorry, Princess Elena. I'm not much of a help.」

Umu, now that would be a problem.

Even Butte-sama doesn't know what it is.

「Ah, that's right, do you want this, Butte-sama?」

「What is it?」

I handed Butte-sama a certain thing.

「What's this!!?」

Butte-sama stares at it as if wanting to eat it.

「S-, Seiji-sama!

Why did you give Butte-sama our photo album?」

「Eh? It's a good result of much effort so, don't you want various people to see it?」

「B-, But.....」

We left Butte-sama who continued to eagerly look at Elena and Hilda's photo albums alone.

Next, we went to where Lela was.

Although there's Yurie-san's matter, I'm also worried about what happened to the battle with the devil-kin.

「Yo! Lela, we came again.」

「Seiji, you came!」

Lela greeted us with a pleasant smile.

「I returned hastily last week, is there any new information since then?」

「Yes, there is!

That twin magic stones' magic tool has finally been distributed to each town.」

「Oh, that's good to hear.

So, did you have any talk with each town?」

「Umu, we shared what kind of situation each town was in after the war with the devil-kin last week,

and it was decided that each town will interchange materials and the likes that were lacking.」

They've used it quite constructively, huh.

It feels good, isn't it?

「However, there's one problem.....」

「What problem?」

「All of the magic tool's pairs are at my place.

Properly speaking, I think they should be at otou-sama's place.」

「No, not at all. They're here at your place to save me the trouble.」

「N? Why is that?」

「Aren't you the only one who can contact me, Lela?

Can't you call out to me with the twin magic stones?」

「Is that so!? That's right, isn't it!?」

Lela is glad she nods with *un un*.

If there's a surprise attack of the devil-kin at some town, I will know it through Lela.

In that case, it's the outline which we can rush there immediately.

Oh, we can't rush there immediately if it's on weekdays though.

「Ah, that's right. I have a favor to ask of you, Lela.」

「What is it, say anything!」

「I want you to check it using the communication network.」

I told her about Yurie-san's matter.

「I see, to help a woman who was manipulated by the devil-kin.....」

「Can you ask the people of the other towns?」

「Ah, understood, I promised that I will listen to anything you say.」

Lela went to the string phone's private room and asked everything to feudal lord of each town.

「For the time being, there's no immediate information,

but since there's also a place where you can ask a well-informed person in each town too,

let's wait for now.」

「Ah, thank you.

But, do you communicate with this magic tool, Lela?」

「N? What do you mean?」

「Lela, if there's someone who contacts you when you go out, wouldn't you be in trouble?」

「Ah, that's right, huh.」

「Isn't it better to appoint an expert to receive the calls?」

「Umu, is that so.....?」

Well it's something like a phone number.

「Have trustworthy men to stand guard at this room in turns, and, it's also better to keep a record of the conversation.」

「I see.....

You know a lot about such things, huh, Seiji.」

Come now, taking a memo during a phone call is only a natural thing for me to do as a working adult!

When I was relaxing at Lela's place for awhile—
we finally heard from each town.

「In the end, we didn't obtain any valuable information from any of the towns.」

「Is that so? It can't be helped.

We have no choice but to check other places.」

「Is there any prospect somewhere?」

「That's right~.

they are places where we can't hear from using the twin magic stones' magic tool.....

the demon town, and the Nippo town's pioneer village.」

And, there's also the dragon-kin village,
but that place is a secret.

「Or rather, even to those two places,
shouldn't we install a twin magic stone's magic tool?
Since there's an opportunity, should I deliver one to them?
There's probably a surplus of the magic tool, right?」

「That's true, that would save us the trouble.
Since I will talk to otou-sama regarding that matter, please wait a moment.」

After a short time, Lela finished talking to Lyle Gewalt and came back.

「Since we can't directly hand the magic tool over to the demonkind's king in
the demon town,
it seems he wants you to hand it over to the person called Cassandra who can
speak Delaidos Common Language and a former special trade envoy.

Do you know her?」

「Yes, she's an acquaintance.」

「And about the pioneer village, since it's an area under the direct control of
Nippo town,

he wants you to deliver one set of the magic tool to the pioneer village and
Nippo town so that they will be able to communicate with the Nippo town.」

「Roger that.」

I received the twin magic stones' magic tools from Lela,
and teleported to the demon town first.

I met with Cassandra-san in demon town,
and handed her the twin magic stones' magic tool.

『This is Cassandra.

Can you hear me, Lela-sama?』

『Yes, I can hear you.

It seems it has arrived safely.

If there's something at the demon town, inform me with this magic tool.』

『Yes, understood.』

Cassandra-san and Lela confirm that they can talk properly, so my delivery mission here is completed.

And when I gave Elena and Hilda's photo album to Cassandra-san, she was very glad.

I was asked if there was a photo album of Mai-san by Bunmi-san, but—it seemed to be a violation of the law if I make a photo album of Mai-san so.....

The people at the demon town didn't understand Yurie-san's case either.

Then, I met with Rondo, and Misha-san at Nippo town, while giving them the twin magic stones' magic tool, I also gave them Elena and Hilda's photo album.

Misha-san was also pleased with Hilda's photo album, and Rondo wanted a photo album of Aya, but I completely ignored it.

The third place is Rachel-san's pioneer village.

When I gave her the twin magic stones' magic tool and confirmed they she can communicate with Rondo, Rachel-san was overjoyed.

And after giving Elena and Hilda's photo album to Rachel-san—Rachel-san was also very happy with Hilda's photo album.

「By the way, Rachel-san. Do you have any information about a woman who was manipulated by the devil-kin some time ago?」

「I'm sorry, this village doesn't have such information.」

「Right~.」

When I'm at a loss—

「At any rate, if you don't find any information—it may be helpful to go to Toki town.」

「N? Toki town, is it?」

「There's a famous『diviner』with accurate predictions in Toki town.」

Although I don't believe in divination that much.....

let's try to go there since there's also no clue.

Arc 16: Toki

Chapter 249: Toki Town

We went to the Royal Capital.
I will have Aya and the others to wait here,
while I alone is going to『Toki town』.

「Then, since we're already here, shall we meet the king?」
「Yes!」

「Yo! King.」
「Seiji!
Ah, did Elena come as well!?」
「I'll have you pay me the money today.」

Well, I don't have such business here today,
but this fellow seems to forget about it if I don't urge him many times.

「Gununu.」
Even if an ossan says that line, it's not cute.

「There are various damages caused by the war with the devil-kin last week,
it's hard on the reconstruction budget so, there's no such surplus gold.」

「Ah, is that so?
Then, sell Elena over to me.
It can't be helped, oh, it can't be helped.」

「W-, Wait!」

「Until when are you going to keep me waiting?」

Blah blah blah, we've done our usual exchange. It's really fun to mess about

and torment the king, huh.

Well, it's the worst, don't you have anything? I'm even accepting payment in kind.

Isn't there a legendary holy sword handed down from generation to generation of the royal family?

Until Elena wants to come back on her own accord, I'll pull this prank on him.

「By the way, King.

To you who is up to his neck in debt, I'll do something good.」

「What is it!?!」

I gave Elena and Hilda's photo albums to the king.

「What the hell is this!!?!」

The king nearly fell down looking at the photo albums.

「How is it? It's well made, don't you think?」

「Wha-, w-, what on earth is this!?!」

These pictures are life-like.

This book is really well made.

This wonderful Elena.....」

The king admired the wonderful figure of Elena and couldn't speak anymore.

「That ultra-luxurious, photo album set
is only 10, 000 Aurum!!

Furthermore, it's not just that!

If you buy now-!

With two sets of each book, I will add another copy of each book,
the price is irredeemable!!」

「I'll buy them!!」

Oi, King.

Don't you have no money because of the reconstruction budget!?!

I had Aya and the others wait inside Elena's room.
I went southwards from the Royal Capital to Toki town using【Lightning Flash】.

When I run for awhile, the smell of salt water.....
and when I run further, the sea was visible on the left.

And when I went further along the coast,
I finally saw the Toki town.

I summoned Aya and others, and everyone went to Toki town.

「It's the seaa-!」

Aya becomes excited as soon as she saw the sea.
Although both the juniors--Elena and Hilda--behave themselves,
Aya who is the most senior is the most childish.

Precisely because the Toki town was a port town, there was a lot of fish-related food sold.

After Aya who wanted to eat food right after buying it was somehow pacified,
we looked for a person who could divine.

It should've have been faster if I know the name of the『diviner』or the place he is staying, but it can't be helped since Rachel-san doesn't seem to know that much either.

As a result of the thorough investigation(eating right after buying)—

We found out that the identity of the『Diviner』—
was a person called『Exeter』—the feudal lord of Toki town.

If it's the feudal lord, he should've told us that he works as a diviner when Lela's message came -----

Therefore, we went to the mansion of『Exeter』—the Feudal Lord of Toki town.

「Excuse me, I'd like to meet the feudal lord, can you tell him, please.」

When I said so to the gatekeeper—

「I'm don't listen to such talk!

If you want to meet the feudal lord, come after having a permission beforehand!」

Was what he shouted at me.

「Errr... this person here is Princess Elena,
is it still no good?」

「I'm not going to listen to such talk either!
Don't spout lies!!!」

This is extremely absurd.....

「What should we do.....?」

We don't have anything that can prove that Elena is Elena.....

Oh, let's ask that person.

I had Aya and the others to wait,
and teleported to Lela's place.

「I've returned, Lela.」

「W-, Welcome back.....」

Why does this fellow's face became red?
Nevermind.

「Lela, I have a request again, is it alright?」

「What is it? Say anything.」

This fellow, Lela. Is she the type that can't refuse a request?

「I'd like to meet the person called『Exeter』of Toki town, but I got turned down without serious consideration at the gate.

Can you tell him, please?」

「N? 『Exeter』?

Do you have any business with that fellow?」

「It seems he can to perform some divination.

Since we can't get any information about that matter we were talking about no matter what, I'm thinking of having him to perform divination.」

「I see.....

I'll try to contact him.」

After a short time, Lela came back, looking a little angry.

「I contacted him.

He'll probably meet you.」

N? It holds some hidden meaning, huh.

「Well then, see you later.」

「(Take care.)[1]」

「I had Lela to make an appointment.

Let's wait by the gatekeeper for a while.」

「Onii-chan, since that person is scary, can I play with the others?」

「No!」

Are you a child!?

When I waited for a while whilst being glared at by the gatekeeper, a servant came out and whispered into the ear of the gatekeeper.

「The permission from the feudal lord was given.

Quickly enter.」

Although I properly made an appointment, his attitude is still haughty, huh.

We were shown into the mansion's living room.

「My, my, if it isn't Princess Elena. What is your business this time?」

An elderly, magician-like man came out.
This fellow is『Exeter』, huh.

Let's use【Appraisal】for now.

```
└─<Status>─  
| Name: Exeter  
| Occupation: Feudal Lord  
|  
| Level: 13  
| HP: 234  
| MP: 302  
|  
| Power: 15  Endurance: 20  
| Ability: 18  Magic power: 27  
|  
| Skill  
|   Space-time 1  
|   └─Divination  
└──────────
```

```
└─<Space-time magic>─  
| 【Divination】(Rarity: ★★★★★)  
|   ▪Shows solution to every doubt and the like.  
└──────────
```

Although his stats is low, it's the real deal!
I've seen a person who has【space-time magic】other than me for the first time.

However, although the level of his space-time magic is level 1, he can use a magic with a ★★★★★ rarity. It's somewhat imbalance.
I wonder if he even did something cunning to do it?

While I was using【appraisal】, Elena talked about Yurie-san's matter and asked for a『divination』.

「Even if it's Elena-sama's request, that's not possible.」

This fellow turned down Elena's request!

「Why?」

Elena calmly faced him tenaciously.

「A special magic stone is expended in order to perform a『divination』.

Because that magic stone is very precious,

it's impossible for me to use a precious magic stone for a girl whom I know neither the identity nor where she came from.」

「Please be a little more conciliatory so that we could somehow find a way to reach an agreement!」

Elena tenaciously faced him yet again.

「My『divination』is intended to see serious matters concerning with the government.

I can't comply with it even if it's Elena-sama's request.」

Do we have no choice but to give up?

「But.....」

Oh? A paradoxical conjunction came!

「If you subdue the『toki』troubling this town, I may think about it.」

Waa!?

Subjugating a 『Toki』?

「Excuse me, Exeter-sama,
but what is a『Toki[2]』?」

「A『toki』is a monster which became the origin of this town's name, it lives in the『Toki Forest』near this town.

I've sent many subjugation party from this town many times and I don't know

what to do with it while the victims increase.

Well, I think it's impossible,

but in the event that you succeed in the subjugation, I may perform a『divination』for you, good?」

This fellow intends to demand something unreasonable to make us give up, huh.

Well, it's fine.

I'd like to see that monster called『toki』or something like that which has the same name as the『Nipponia・nippon』that symbolizes Japan.

Let's go to see it for a bit!

Chapter 250: Toki

We inquired the location from Exeter,
and advanced to the『Toki Forest』.

「Onii-chan.

Are we really going to kill a Toki?」

「Umu, I'll decide after I confirm the situation.

It may only be a different creature of the same name.」

「Seiji-sama,
what kind of existence is a『toki』
for you and the others?」

「Hm?

Haven't you seen a toki on the TV or something, Elena?

It's an endangered species

and has been designated as a special protected species.」

When we advanced through the forest while having such talk, a surprising view
spread out.

「Toki!」

A marshland which was about as wide as one dome spread out.
There, a large number of elegant toki were passing the time.

There seem to be around a thousand of them.
No matter how you look at it, it's the same as an ordinary toki in Japan.

「It's a toki.」

「It's a toki.」

「I mean, it's not a monster, isn't it!?」
「Then, we're not going to subjugate it?」

「It's a genuine toki, we can't subjugate it as expected.」
「Good~.」

However, what kind of victims appear with this?

When I was lost in thought like that.....

One toki descended from the sky.

「Uwa, what's that!?!」

It's no wonder that Aya is surprised.

The toki which went down was an enormous toki around 5m.

And, the toki descended to the ground a little further from us.

Aya and the others promptly took a fighting stance.

「Wait! It's not an enemy.」

The【Vigilance】magic had indicated that it's not an enemy.

『Human, what did you come here for?』

I-, It talked-!

Its voice is that of a woman. Is this toki a female?

「Uhh, do you understand human language?」

『Yes, I understand it.』

「Onii-chan, why are you talking to yourself?」

「Eh? Do you not hear the words of this fellow, Aya?」

「Is 'this fellow' you're talking about the toki?

Does this fellow talk about something?

I didn't hear anything, though?」

Elena and Hilda shake their heads too.

Can it only be heard by me?

There seems to be a somewhat similar phenomenon before.....

「Ah!

Are you by any chance a『spirit』?」

『That's right,

I'm a『spirit』.』

Seriously!!!?

『Well then, human, I'll ask again.

What did you come here for?』

「We've been asked to subjugate toki.」

「Wai-! Onii-chan, if you say such a thing-!」

『Then, are you going to subjugate us?』

「No.

Somehow or other, there seems to be a mistake in the information we've been told.」

『Is that right? Then please leave immediately.』

「I'd like to ask you about one thing before leaving.」

『What is that thing you'd like to ask?』

「What do you have to do with the humans who live near here?」

『Good, I'll explain it.』

The toki talked about how things got this way.

- The humans come to kill the toki.
- The humans want the magic stone which rarely found in the body of the toki.
- The enormous toki repelled the humans who attacked in order to protect its fellow toki.
- It work hard to save the humans' lives as much as possible, but there's sometimes a human who loses his life.

It seems to be like this.

I don't think that the enormous toki which is a spirit is lying,
it's entirely the human side who is bad.

「Understood, since I will kidna...bring someone from the human side, please talk to him personally.」

『Umu, thank you.』

I had Aya and the others to wait,
and moved toward『Exeter』who is the feudal lord of Toki town
using【teleportation】.

「Uwa! What are you!?

You've suddenly appeared!」

「Since the toki seem to want to talk, please come with me for a bit.」

「Wa? What are you saying?

If I'm not mistaken, you're the one with Princess Elena.....」

「Stop complaining, come!」
I grabbed『Exeter』by the arm and teleported to where the toki was.

「Gyaa——-!!!」

Exeter trembled with fear seeing the enormous toki.

「What are you doing? Attack that toki quickly!」
「Don't attack it, please calm down.」

「What did you say!?!」

「Look, it's only you who is confused.」
When Exeter timidly lifted his face,
there was the enormous toki's face in front of Exeter's face.

「Hiii!!」
「Exeter-san, did you lie to us?」

「I-, I lied, you say!?!」
「I-, I don't know what you are talking about.」

「It's you guys' side who started meddling with the toki, isn't it?
The toki just protects itself from the humans' attack.
Is it wrong?」

「Who said such a thing?」
「I personally heard it from the toki.」
「It's impossible for a monster to speak human language!!」

「That's wrong.」
「What did I say wrong!?!」

「The toki is not a monster, but a『spirit』.」

「.....What..did you say!?!」

Well, it's only the enormous toki who is a spirit,
the other toki are just common monsters.
「As expected, you were mistaken, huh.
Please don't attack the toki anymore, okay?」

「.....T-, That's not possible.」

「Why is it!?

It's a spirit, you know!？」

「The【magic stone of toki】is needed for the『divination』to be used.

If there's no『divination』.....」

「Do you plan to slaughter a lot of spirits just for the sake of『divination』?」

「It's something unavoidable.」

「The magic stone can be duplicated if you ask the magic stone dealer.」

「No, the【magic stone of toki】is a disposable magic stone.

A disposable magic stone can't be duplicated.」

Is that so!?

I didn't know that.

「Then, you better not perform a『divination』anymore.

Does Elena think so too?」

「Yes,

This country will be destroyed if you make enemies of the spirits.

Exeter-sama, please promise me that you won't attack the toki anymore.」

「U-, Understood.....

I promise that I won't attack the toki anymore.....」

The issue is settled with this!!

.....it isn't!!

We came here to have you perform a『divination』!!

———

『Seiji of the humans, I'm thankful to you for this time's matter.』

The enormous toki called out to me.

『As thanks.....』

Oh, are you giving me something as thanks!?

Lucky!

『Let's perform a【spirit contract】.』

Eh?

『The【Space-time magic】became level 6.』

Ehh—-!!!

Chapter 251: Space-time Magic

「Hey, onii-chan, what's wrong?」

Aya called out to me anxiously when I was surprised that the【space-time magic】became level 6.

「N-, No, it's nothing.

I'll explain it later.」

Exeter is currently nearby,
our first priority is to send him to the town quickly.

「Then, let's return to the town.」

「Ye~s.」

「Well then, Toki, stay healthy.」

「Toki-chan, bye-bye.」

Aya waves her hand.

Elena, Exeter, and Hilda bowed deeply to the toki.

『Seiji of the humans.』

「What is it?」

『Can you come alone later after sending those people to the town?』

「Eh? Well, it's particularly fine.....」

『Then, I'm counting on you.』

When the toki said so, it opened its wings and flew away.

We went back to the islet in the middle of the marsh.

When we returned to the town using【teleportation】,
Exeter returned to his mansion trudgingly.

The『divination』which is his special ability can't be used anymore. It's no wonder that he is depressed.

「What are we going to do now, onii-chan?」

「I'm going to meet the toki again.

Everyone will kill time in this town for awhile.」

「Onii-chan, by any chance that toki.....
is a female?」

「Oh, it seemed to be a female when I heard its voice.
Is something wrong with that?」

「No, it's nothing.....」

What is Aya worrying about?
I don't understand it at all.
「Onii-chan!

Give us a pocket money if we're going to kill time!」

「Ah, that's right.
Well then.....」

I took out three pieces of 100 A gold coins from the inventory and was going
to give one to each person.....

but on second thought, I gave all three pieces to Elena.

「Why did you give all three pieces to Elena!?」
「Because if I give it to you, you'll just going to squander it.」

「That's not true at all!」

「Well then, I'm counting on you, Elena.」
「Y-, Yes.」

「Well then, I'm off.」

I ignored the grumbling Aya
and returned to where the toki was.

When I returned to the islet in the middle of the marshland
using【teleportation】,
the toki was waiting.
『You've come. This way.』

When I followed the toki, there was a stairway toward the bottom in the
center of the islet.

It seems to be a little bigger than the entrance of the subway.

The toki climbs down the stairway while stooping a little.

「What on earth is this place?」

『You'll understand once we get there.』

Well, this stairway is awfully long.

We have probably climbed down roughly 50 m or so?

After a short while, we finally reached the end of the stairway and an entrance of some kind could be seen.

『It's here.』

When I was urged by the toki and went inside—
there was a huge dome-shape room.

I recognize this room.

It seems to be the same room as the one in the tower of sunrise's underground where I fought the golem.

「Am I by any chance going to fight you here?」

『Fight? Why?』

Hm? It's wrong?

「Since I fought in a room like this when I contracted the Earth spirit so, I thought.....」

『There's also a spirit who likes to fight among the spirits.
I'm not that good at fighting.』

Considering all that, didn't you beat the people who came to attack at their own game?

『Our objective is that.』

When I looked at where the toki was pointing at with its wing—
there was a mana crystal!

「Mana crystal!」

『That's right, it's the【Space-time mana crystal】.』

「The space-time magic also has a mana crystal, huh.
Am I going to visit that?」

『Yes, that's why I invited you.』

「But I already acquired the【space-time magic】, you know?」
『You can't master the【space-time magic】properly yet.
You will be able to master it once you visit.』
I couldn't master the【space-time magic】, it said!?

If there's a time when my activities become a web novel, I wonder if there will be a【space-time magic】in the title since I keep using it.....
『Come along, please go and visit.』
I swallowed hard with *gulp*
and touched the mana crystal timidly.
And then-!
the mana crystal started to emit an intense light.

What on earth is this? What happened!?
After a short while, the intense light entered inside me forcefully.

「Uwaa——!!!」
.....

When the light finally settled down,
an unusual announcement resounded in my head.

『Space-time magic has been updated to the latest state.

【Quick】has been updated.
The time acceleration has been improved to three times at most.

【Slow】has been updated.
The time deceleration has been improved to ⅓ at most.

【Barrier】has been updated.
The barrier's strength rose.
The barrier can now be freely shaped.

【Future prediction】has been updated.
It's now possible to visualize the range of the attack prediction.

【Inventory】has been updated.
It's now possible to create a storage space inside a magic stone of nullpo.

【Teleportation】has been updated.

The once-a-day restriction of transfer to another world has been lifted.

【Summon Toki】has been added.』

It caused lot of things—!!

I've become able to move three times the normal with【Quick】.

And, if【slow】is $\frac{1}{3}$ —

when I fight with an enemy one on one, I'll be able to move at nine times of speed with 3 x 3.

As for the【barrier】's strength and shape, I can't quite say unless I try to use it.

I don't understand what the range of the attack prediction is either unless I try to use the【future prediction】.

As for the【inventory】, what does it mean by I can create a storage space inside a magic stone of nullpo?

Does it mean I can now use a magic stone of nullpo like as an item box-like thing?

It's meaningless to me since I have my own【inventory】, but doesn't it mean I can now give Aya and the others something like an item box?

I'm probably happiest about the fact that I can now use the transfer to another world of【teleportation】without restriction.

I can return to Japan and sleep soundly even if I don't take an inn here, and even if it's not weekend, I can come and return on the same day at night on weekends.

I don't understand【Summon Toki】that much.

Since the spirit itself is in front, let's ask it.

「Excuse me, I acquired【Summon Toki】,
but what does it mean?」

『My ability is to stop time.

I can stop time for awhile if you summon me.』

Seriously!!!?

Isn't it invincible!!!?

Chapter 252: Mystery of Reinforcement Magic Stone

「Toki, I'd like to ask you one more thing.」

『What is it?』

「Can't I get a【Magic stone of Toki】after all?」

『It's no good! It will kill my fellow toki to get that.』

I have no choice but to give up the『divination』after all, huh.

『Why do you want a【magic stone of toki】?』

I explained the circumstances to Toki.

『The【magic stone of toki】is a magic stone which raises the power of the【space-time magic】temporarily.

It probably means that that person's ability is just not enough if he can't use【divination】without using【magic stone of toki】.

Therefore, if he can increase the power of his【space-time magic】, he will probably be able to use【divination】without using【magic stone of toki】.』

Increase the power of the【space-time magic】, huh~.

If it's possible to strengthen the【space-time magic】in the same way as an attribute reinforcement magic stone, but.....

if I remember correctly, I tried to make a reinforcement magic stone of the【space-time magic】before, but I wasn't able to do it~.

Well, I became quite stronger than those days,
let's try it again.

I took out a【magic stone of nullpo】,
I took out a【magic stone of nullpo】,
I took out a【magic stone of nullpo】.

held it between my right and left hand, and tried to channel【magic power reinforcement】to my left hand and【space-time magic】to my right hand.

I was able to do it.....

and it was even a【space-time reinforcement magic stone +5】.....

the magic stone was colorless, transparent and very beautiful.

How!?

I wasn't able to make it before!

『So, this is a magic stone.

If there's that, there's no need for a【magic stone of toki】anymore.』

When Toki saw the magic stone, it heaved a sigh of relief.

It didn't have to worry about its fellow getting killed anymore.

However, how did I suddenly become able make it?

The three kinds of reinforcement magic stones which I wasn't able to make before were【body reinforcement magic】,【information magic】, and【space-time magic】.

As a test once again, I tried to make magic stones of【body reinforcement magic】and【information magic】—

I wasn't able to make these two as before.

I can somehow understand that a reinforcement magic stone of【body reinforcement magic】can't be made.

The magic I channel to the magic stone overlaps since one of the magic power I channel when making a magic stone is【body reinforcement magic】.

Then, it's only these two,【information magic】and【space-time magic】. What condition I wasn't able to satisfy when I tried it before?

And this time, only the【space-time magic】was able to satisfy the condition.

What has changed from the past to now?

Is it because my level rose from those days?

Is it because the【space-time magic】's level rose from 5 to 6?

Is it because I've made a contract with a spirit?

I feel that all of them are wrong.

Then, what is it?

Pikon!

That's right!

It's the visit to the mana crystal!

The【information magic】and【space-time magic】are the only two magics I acquired without visiting a mana crystal.

And I went to visit the【space-time mana crystal】this time.

Perhaps, that must be the condition!

Then, if I visit the【information magic】's mana crystal too.....

By the way, is there【information mana crystal】somewhere?

When I was thinking such a thing—

『Seiji of the humans, do you have no more questions?』

「Ah, yes, it's already fine.」

『Then, let's meet again.』

When Toki said so, it was gone somewhere using【teleportation】.

Let's go back to the town too.

「I've kept you waiting, everyone.」

「Ah, onii-chan.

Are you done talking with the toki?」

Aya was carrying a lot of food with both hands.

Even though I said don't squander the gold like that.....

Well, nevermind.

「Yeah.

Thanks to it, we can now have him to perform a『divination』.」

「Is that true, Seiji-sama!?!」

「Yes, leave it to me.」

We went to Exeter's mansion.

「Elena-sama,

what order do you have to this poor man who can't perform a divination anymore?」

Exeter's eyes are dead.

Was he that much shocked?

「Exeter-san,

you don't need to be depressed that much.

That's because I brought something which can serve as a substitute for the【magic stone of toki】.」

「Is that true!?!」

Exeter's eyes suddenly lit up and approached.

I'm not glad at all being approached by a man.

「It's this.」

When I took out the【space-time magic stone +5】,

Exeter snatched the magic stone away from my hand to take it.

「Can I use this?」

「Since the magic stone isn't disposable, it's fine for you to try and use it.」

「I-, Is that so!?!」

When Exeter stood up from the chair,
he wrapped the magic stone up with his both hands protectively,
and started to chant a some kind of incantation.

「○△◇×.....

Show me the future of Delaidos Kingdom!」

When Exeter shouted so, he was wrapped up in light.

The light immediately faded away
and Exeter immediately fell on his knee.

「Exeter-sama, are you alright?」

Elena rushes up to Exeter.

「I-, I'm fine. It's just that my magic power has been exhausted.」

When I appraised Exeter,
his MP became 2 / 302.

Somehow or other, it seems he spent as much as 300 MP using『divination』.
It's also a good thing that it's not to the very limit.

This time, it's Hilda who rushes up and gave Exeter a candy.

「This is?」

「It's a food that restores magic power.

Please melt it in your mouth without swallowing it.」

「Understood.

Hmm, this is amazing!」

Exeter recovered his energy in an instant.

「And, did the『divination』go well?」

「Ah, I succeeded.

The result of the divination is.....

『6 stone statues with 2 horns should be destroyed.』

It was the content.」

Ah!

『Stone statue with 2 horns!』

There's something like that near the dragon-kin village!

Since I haven't seen it directly, I don't know whether or not it's just a stone statue with 2 horns, but surely, it must be that.

Or rather, I completely forgot about it.

The devil-kin appeared from the place where there was a stone statue.

However, there are even 6 of that?

「Exeter-san, I've heard that a stone statue was seen near Nippo town.

Isn't it necessary to contact Lela and have them search around the vicinity of each town?」

「T-, That's right.

Understood, I will contact Lela-dono.」

Since Exeter will send a message to Lela,
they will probably look for a stone statue in each town and destroy it.

In that case, the devil-kin won't be able to attack using those.

Well, about the stone statue near Nippo town,
I will go there personally and destroy it.

I'd like to examine it before breaking it.

Chapter 253: Daisuki

「Exeter-san, has your magic power recovered yet?」

「Ah, thanks to it, it's completely recovered.....」

Exeter seemed to have recovered his magic power with Hilda's candy.

「Then, once again, can you perform a『divination』which I asked you at the beginning?」

「Eh!? Do it again?」

Exeter unwillingly performed a『divination』once again.

「The result is.....」

『You have to climb the top of the tower of sunrise』

It's what it said.....

c-, candy.....」

Hilda hurriedly gave Exeter a candy.

The『Tower of sunrise』, huh~.

I wonder what on earth is on the top of the tower of sunrise~.

What kind of connection does it have with Yurie-san?

Well, I will understand once I go there.

「Onii-chan, are we going to climb the tower of sunrise?

I will do my best~.」

「Let's go tomorrow since the day is already late.」

When we were having such talk—

Exeter who got a candy from Hilda finally got up.

「My task is done with this.

Will you leave quickly?」

「That's so, isn't it? Well then, let's go back~.

Alright.」

「N? What are you holding out your hand for?」

「Give me back the magic stone from a little while ago.」

「Eh!? Didn't you give it to me!!!?」

Eventually, the end of the big fuss.....

I sold the【space-time reinforcement magic stone】for 100, 000 Aurum.

Exeter, this fellow, who had an expression that seemed I killed him or robbed him,

paid in cash in the end while shedding tears of blood.

Thank you for your continued patronage~.

We left Exeter's mansion
and went to the cave where the aforementioned devil-kin's stone statue was located.

「Is this a statue of the devil?
It's somewhat different from what I had imagined~.」

It's no wonder for Aya to be like that.
Not matter how you look at it, it doesn't look like a stone statue, but something
a primary school student tried to make while fooling around.

「Well, no matter how, it has two horns.
This must be the right one.」

I used【appraisal】to the stone statue which made by a primary school student.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Exit Stone Statue】

|It forms a pair with an『Entrance Stone Statue』.

|By channeling magic power,

|one will be able to teleport.

|Rarity: ★★ ★

└──────────

Shit, it's for exit only!

If things go well, I thought that I might be able to use this to get into the devil-kin's place.

I completely destroyed the stone statue using【electrolysis】.

I went to Nippo town to inform Rondo that I destroyed the devil's stone statue.

Since I was told that Rondo went out, I just asked someone to pass him a message.

「Well then, let's go home.」

「Onii-chan, if we go back,
where are we going to stay for today?」

「We're going to return to Japan.」

「Onii-chan, are you half-asleep?
Since we just came here today,
wouldn't we be unable to go back yet?」

「Fuhahaha!
A weakness like that,
do you think I will leave it alone without training it forever?」
「What..did you say!?!」

I returned to Japan with everyone who was surprised.

「Onii-chan!
Isn't the transfer to another world can only be used once a day!?!」

「When I went to meet Toki a while ago, the restriction was lifted.」

「Seriously!?!」
「Seriously.」

I said so with a triumphant look.
「That's right, in addition, I also acquired a good magic.」
「What is it, what is it?」

Aya looked at me with great interest,
and Elena and Hilda's eyes lit up too.

I took out a【magic stone of nullpo】
and created a storage space inside the magic stone.

The【Magic stone of nullpo】shone and changed into a new magic stone.

└─<Appraisal>──

|【Magic stone of storage】

|A storage space which can store objects.

|When one stores an object,

|other people can't take anything in and out.

|Rarity: ★★★★★

└──────────

It's fine, isn't it!?

It also has a good security.

「Hilda, put something into this magic stone.」

「Put something into the magic stone??」

「That's right, try it.」

When Hilda received the【magic stone of storage】from me, she created a【Hilda's candy】and brought it close to the【magic stone of storage】.

Then—

the【Hilda's candy】suddenly disappeared.

「T-, The candy!」

「Hilda, take out the candy from the magic stone this time.」

「Y-, Yes.」

When Hilda touched the【magic stone of storage】, the【Hilda's candy】was suddenly taken out.

「How's it? Can you use it?」

「Yes! This is amazing!!」

「Onii-chan, is that by any chance.....

something like an item box!?!」

「Yes, it is!」

「Onii-chan, mine!」

「Well, wait a moment.」

I took out another【magic stone of nullpo】and created a【magic stone of storage】.

「Faster! Onii-chan!!」

I gave the【magic stone of storage】.....
to Elena.

「Yes, this is for Elena.」
「Seiji-sama, thank you very much!」

「Uuuuu!
Mine!!!」

Aya began to throw a tantrum.
「That's right~.
If you say『Onii-chan daisuki!』,
I will also give you, Aya.」
「Why do I have to say such a thing!？」

「Is that so, you don't want it, huh, Aya~.」

「Gununu.....」

Aya scowls at me.

When I feigned ignorance,
Aya finally resigned herself too—
「Onii-chan.」
「What is it?」

「Da...i...su..ke!」

Who is Daisuke!?

After a few minutes, while I was being snarled at by Aya,
I created a【magic stone of storage】for Aya.
「Hooray!
I won't return it anymore even if you demand it back~.」

Aya snatched away the【magic stone of storage】from me and dance a dance
of joy.

「Ah, that's right, I've come up with something good.」

I decomposed 10 Aurum silver coins and produced pure silver,
then I made stylish bracelets to hold Elena and Hilda's【magic stone of storage】.

「Seiji-sama, thank you very much!!

Daisuki desu!!」

「Seiji-onii-chan, daisuki!!」

Elena and Hilda kissed my cheek from left and right.

「Ah! That's good!!

Make mine as well!!」

「Aya, what should you say at a time like this?」

「Onii-chan, da•i•su.....chi!」

It's fine already.....

I also made Aya's bracelet.